

THE BOOK OF MARK

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INTRODUCTION

1. John Mark is the author. Barnabas' cousin. Fellow worker of Paul & Peter.
 2. Written sometime before 70 A.D.
 3. Written to a Greek audience.
 4. Is composed of quick succession of events in the ministry of Jesus.
 5. It is obvious that the emphasis of Mark is on the greatness of Jesus.
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Brief Outline of Mark

1. The ministry of Jesus in Galilee and surrounding areas (1:1-9:50). This section includes (a). The baptism and temptation of Jesus (1:1-13). (b). The beginning of the ministry (1:14-45). (c). The beginning of conflict with Jewish leaders (2:1- 3:35). (d). A series of parables (4:1-34); and (e). Miracles (4:35 - 5:43); (f). Some evaluations of Jesus (6:2-6; 14:29). (g). And addition miracles (6:7 - 7:23); (h). A tour of Tyre and Sidon and to Caesarea Philippi (8:14 - 9:50).
 2. Events in Perea en route to Jerusalem (10: 1-52).
 3. Events during the last week of the ministry of Jesus on earth (11:1 -15:47). This includes the triumphal entry (11:1-11); events of each day, except the fourth, as follows: Second day (11:12-19) third day (11:20 - 14:11). Fifth day (14:12-25). The sixth day (14:26 - 15:47).
 4. The resurrection and some appearances of Jesus (16:1-20).
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Opinion or Evaluation Of Jesus By Various People

1. His own country: thought it strange that this "carpenter" and relative of their neighbors was doing what was reported.
 - a. They were "offended".
 - b. Jesus' answer "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country.
 2. His friends on one occasion seek to lay hold on Him for fear He was beside himself. (3:2-21).
 3. The scribes presented the accusation that Jesus was casting out demons by the power of Beelzebub.
 - a. To which Jesus replied "whosoever shall blaspheme against the Holy spirit hath never forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin. (3:22-30).
 4. The disciples asked "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him.?"(4:35-41).
 5. King Herod, who had been rebuked by John the Baptist because of his sinful marriage to Herodias & subsequently caused John to be put to death, ventured the view that Jesus was really John who had been raised from the dead. (6:14-29). Read.
 6. Jesus asked the disciples "who do men say that I am" the answer was varied But Peter said "Thou art the Christ". (8:22-30).
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Relevance of Mark Today

- A. Contains major passages in reference to the Kingdom of God.
 - 1. Jesus stated, some in his audience would not die until they say the Kingdom come with power (9:1).
 - 2. This shows the false teaching of the premillennial claim.
 - 3. Note the order: Mark 9:1; then Acts 17,8; the Acts 1;26 - 2:4.
 - B. Mark 16:16 is of major significance in the proclamation of the Plan of Salvation.
 - C. The main point of relevance is the presentation of Jesus as the Son of God.
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CONCLUSION

- A. Why God preserved this Book for us today.
 - B. MARK ABOUNDS IN CASE AFTER CASE OF MIRACULOUS ACTIVITIES BY JESUS.
 - 1. They demonstrated His divinity.
 - 2. They confirmed the Word preached by His spokesmen.
 - 3. Modern claims of miraculous powers, do not conform to the characteristics of the miracles set forth in this book.
 - 4. No one today feeds 4000, or 5000,; etc.
 - 5. Most if not all claimed miracle workers today is for show, none conform to the teachings and examples set forth in Mark.
 - 6. The purpose of the signs, to confirm the Word, and to establish the faith has been achieved. (Heb. 2:1-4).
 - C. The acknowledgment of this main theme of Mark and all of the New Testament is the key to the appreciation and appropriation of His blessings to man. The relevance of this brief but informative book is apparent to those who read it with care.
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