

7th N.T. (*Gospels*)
Introduction to Mark

Why are Mark, Matthew, and Luke referred to as the Synoptic Gospels?

How were the synoptic gospels written?

Holy Spirit

Mark

M

Matthew

Luke

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Additional Source(?)

Mark was written first (around the mid 50s CE). Matthew and Luke used Mark as a source in compiling their gospel accounts.

What are the distinct features of the gospel of Mark?

1. He provides no account of the _____ or _____ of Jesus (his gospel begins at Jesus' baptism)
2. He devotes _____ of his gospel to the last week of Jesus' life
3. It is very short
4. Some scholars think that Mark wrote his gospel from _____, under the apostolic authority of _____
5. Mark's gospel emphasizes the _____ of Peter
6. It is a gospel of _____ and _____ (he uses the word "immediately" over 40 times)
7. Mark is the most _____ and _____ gospel
8. He emphasizes Jesus' role as _____ to the disciples (teaching by example)
9. It is a gospel of Jesus' _____ (stories of exorcisms, healing, and other miracles crammed on top of each other)

10. Mark places an emphasis on the _____
- demons are unfit communicators of _____
 - Jesus did not want to be known simply as a _____
 - Jesus did not want a premature confrontation with religious leaders

What do we know about John Mark?

He was a member of a leading family in _____ and a cousin of _____. He could be considered a failure in his early stages of ministry because he abandoned Paul and Barnabas in the middle of a missionary journey. His desertion was so severe that it caused Paul and Barnabas to split up and go their separate ways. Later _____ and John Mark reconciled and John Mark also became very close with _____.

Provenance (place of origin):

Audience:

Date:

Purpose:

- _____
 - 40% of the gospel of Mark deals with the passion of Jesus. (Some have even called it a “passion narrative” with a long introduction.) The key verse for this point of view is Mark 10:45, “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”
 - Through the tightly structured miracles, Jesus demonstrates Spiritual Power over Satan and this world. The key verse for this point of view is Mark 3:27, “But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.”
- _____: The 12 disciples are portrayed in a negative light to encourage us in our own Christian walk. Mark demonstrates the humanity of these 12 men and how Jesus trained them despite their failings and inadequacies.