

As you read each passage, you may want to consider one or more of the following questions:

- Why would Mark include this in his gospel?
- How might Mark's original audience hear and interpret this passage?
- How do 2000 years and the perspectives and values of our western culture affect how we hear and interpret this passage?
- What truths/principles are taught in this passage?
- Do our privileged lifestyles prevent us from living out the truths/principles taught in this passage?

JANUARY **MARK**

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FEBRUARY **MARK**

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MARCH **MARK**

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THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Of the sixty-six books in the Bible, no writings are more important than the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. While all four gospels tell some of the same stories, the gospels are like interviewing four different relatives about their perspective of Grandfather. While each relative will repeat some of the same stories, each will include some information peculiarly their own. This is a good way to read and interpret the four gospels.

The Gospel according to Mark relates to Simon-Peter's witness to John Mark. Many of the stories reflect points of reference which could only be known by an eyewitness. Mark is the Gospel explaining the good news of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles. Many times, in Mark, Jewish words and phrases are explained.

Mark is candid about the disciples and Jesus. Emotions are described offering examples of their expression. The disciples are portrayed as having little or no understanding of Jesus.

In Mark, Jesus keeps his role as messiah a secret. Gradually, Jesus' revelation of his identity unfolds as demoniacs proclaim him to be messiah followed by Peter's confession of faith at Caesarea Philippi.

Seventy percent of Mark is focused on the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. Mark offers thirteen controversy stories.

Mark is the oldest and shortest of the four Gospels.

In Mark, Jesus is often referred to as "Son of God" and "Son of Man." Mark presents Jesus as the human embodiment of the Kingdom of God.

Mark emphasizes Jesus as miracle worker, healer and exorcist more than the other Gospels.

If you want to be challenged to be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ, Mark is the Gospel for you to read.

The Gospel of Mark is a primary source for the writings of Matthew and Luke: 50% of Mark appears in Matthew and/or Luke as word for word agreement. 90% of Mark is copied in Matthew and 50% of Mark is copied in Luke. Between Matthew and Luke, all of Mark appears, with the exception of four short passages.



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St. John's embraces the value of the personal responsibility for commitment to a relationship with The Living God, discipleship in relationship with Jesus Christ and spiritual growth.

Please use this brochure as a resource to support your spiritual growth. One way to invest in your spiritual growth is to invest time in your own biblical literacy.

This is the second of four quarterly brochures to be published throughout this church year. Each is designed to guide you through an in-depth reading of the gospels:

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

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