

The Power of the Son of Man

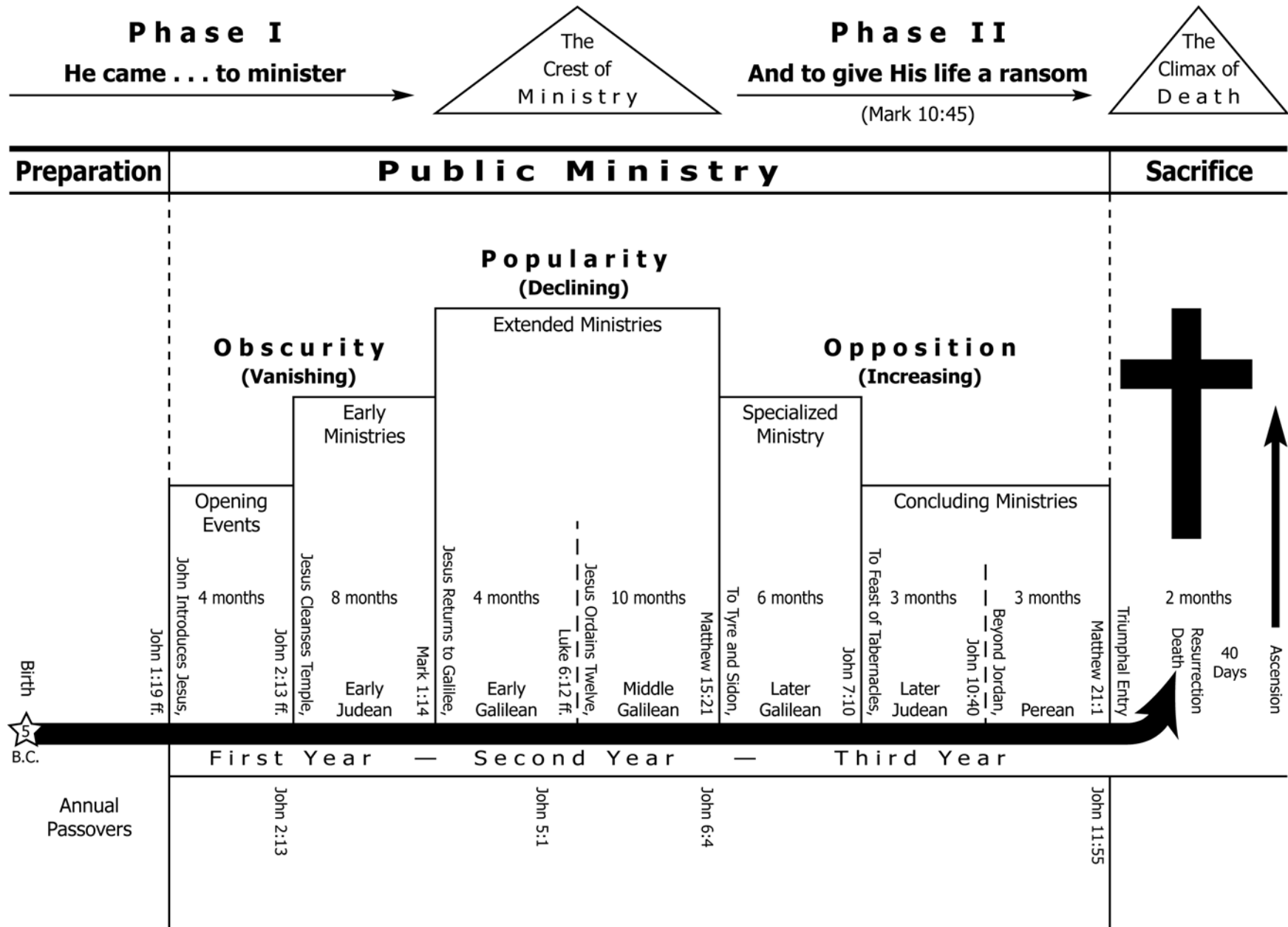
Mark 1:29-2:12

Lesson 2

Gospel of Mark

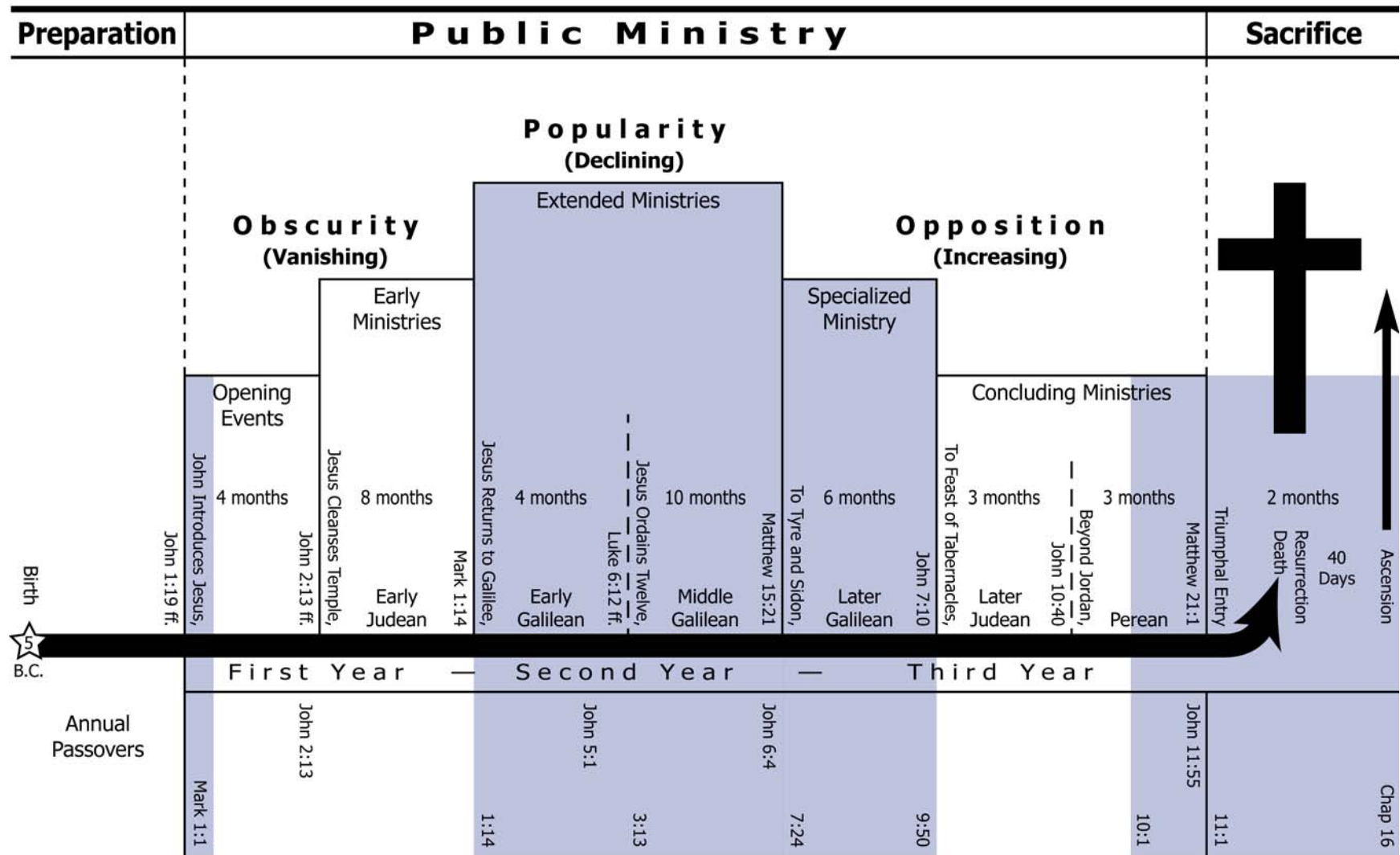
- ▶ Written by John Mark
- ▶ Synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke
- ▶ Distinctive characteristics:
 - Shortest Gospel – Matt. 28; Luke 24; Mark 16
 - Brevity of style – short versions or summaries
 - More actions than words

The Life of Christ



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Showing coverage by Mark (shaded)



Outline of Mark

The Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God

- ▶ Mark 1:1-13 – The Beginning
- ▶ Mark 1:14-10:52 – Ministry
- ▶ Mark 11:1-16:8 – Death and Resurrection
- ▶ Mark 16:9-20 – The Continuation

The Purpose of Mark's Gospel

► Title line:

- “The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.”

► The good news

- The Man – son of Mary
- The Christ – Promise of God
- The Son of God – God with us

► Beginning

Lesson 1 – The Beginning of the Gospel

- ▶ Preparation for the Gospel (1:1-13)
 - The ministry of John the Baptist (1:1-8)
 - Jesus Christ – initial portrait
- ▶ The beginning of the ministry (1:14-28)
 - Preaching
 - Calling disciples
 - Teaching with authority
 - Casting out demons

The Response

- ▶ Confession of sins
- ▶ Astonishment and amazement
- ▶ Forsake all and follow Christ
- ▶ Failure to understand (Isaiah 6:9-13)

Mark's Gospel

- ▶ Who He is
- ▶ What He does
- ▶ What He says

Lesson 2

- ▶ Miracles
- ▶ Simon's mother-in-law (1:29-31)
- ▶ Many healings (1:32-39)
- ▶ A leper (1:40-45)
- ▶ A paralytic (2:1-12)

Miracles

► Power of God – wonders

- Divine intervention against the natural laws
- Providence – Divine intervention by natural means
- God's creative power

► Revelation of God– signs

- Compassion of God
- Truth about Jesus
- Truth about men
- Truth about the Gospel

Simon's mother-in-law (1:29-31)

- ▶ A minor illness
- ▶ A sovereign act of God
- ▶ Double miracle
 - Stopping the fever
 - Restoring normal function
- ▶ A spiritual blessing

Many healings (1:32-39)

► Sickness

- The effect of the curse on the body.
- Jesus' power against the curse.
- Temporary relief

► Demon-possession

- Distinct from mental or physical illness
- Unique to Christ's day

Prayer and Preaching

- ▶ The desire for miracles
- ▶ Jesus left the ministry to pray
- ▶ Jesus came to preach
- ▶ The power of God in preaching.
- ▶ Demonic opposition to preaching

Synagogue

- ▶ Began in Babylon
- ▶ Place of reading and explaining God's Law
- ▶ No sacrifices
- ▶ "The freedom of the synagogue"

A Leper's Faith (1:40-45)

- ▶ Hebrews 11:6

- God is
- God rewards those who diligently seek him

- ▶ The leper's faith

- Jesus is God
- He “implored”

The lesson of leprosy

- ▶ Leprosy – an infectious disease
- ▶ Leprosy – a picture of sin
 - Leviticus 13:45-46; Numbers 5:1-4; Haggai 2:10-14
- ▶ Jesus touched the leper
- ▶ The healing ceremony
 - A lesson to the priests
 - Leviticus 14 – The ceremony with two birds

The Son of Man and a paralytic (2:1-12)

- ▶ A lesson on faith
 - The pursuit of healing
 - Jesus saw their faith
 - Sins forgiven by faith
- ▶ A lesson on forgiveness
 - Accusation of blasphemy
 - A demonstration of Divine power

The Son of Man

- ▶ Name used by Jesus for Himself
 - 14 times in Mark
 - 2:10, 28; 8:31, 38; 9:9, 31; 10:33, 45; 13:26; 14:21, 41, 62
- ▶ Reference to frailty of man:
 - Psalm 8:4
 - Ezekiel 2:1, 3, 6, 8; 3:1, 3, 4, 10, 17, 25
- ▶ Reference to Messiah
 - Daniel 7:13 (cf. Mark 13:26; 14:62)
- ▶ True God concealed in human flesh,

What is the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

- ▶ The Son of Man is the Son of God
- ▶ The blessing of God comes by faith in Him