

The Gospel of Mark

Author

- ▶ Not mentioned in Mark
- ▶ Papias, bishop of Hieropolis (AD 140)
 - Mark – interpreter of Peter
- ▶ Justin Martyr (AD 150)
 - Mark – “the memoirs of Peter.”

The Synoptic Problem

Definition: syn = together; optic = seeing

Matthew, Mark, Luke – similar arrangement and material.

Who copied whom?

The role of the Holy Spirit

Purpose of Mark's Gospel

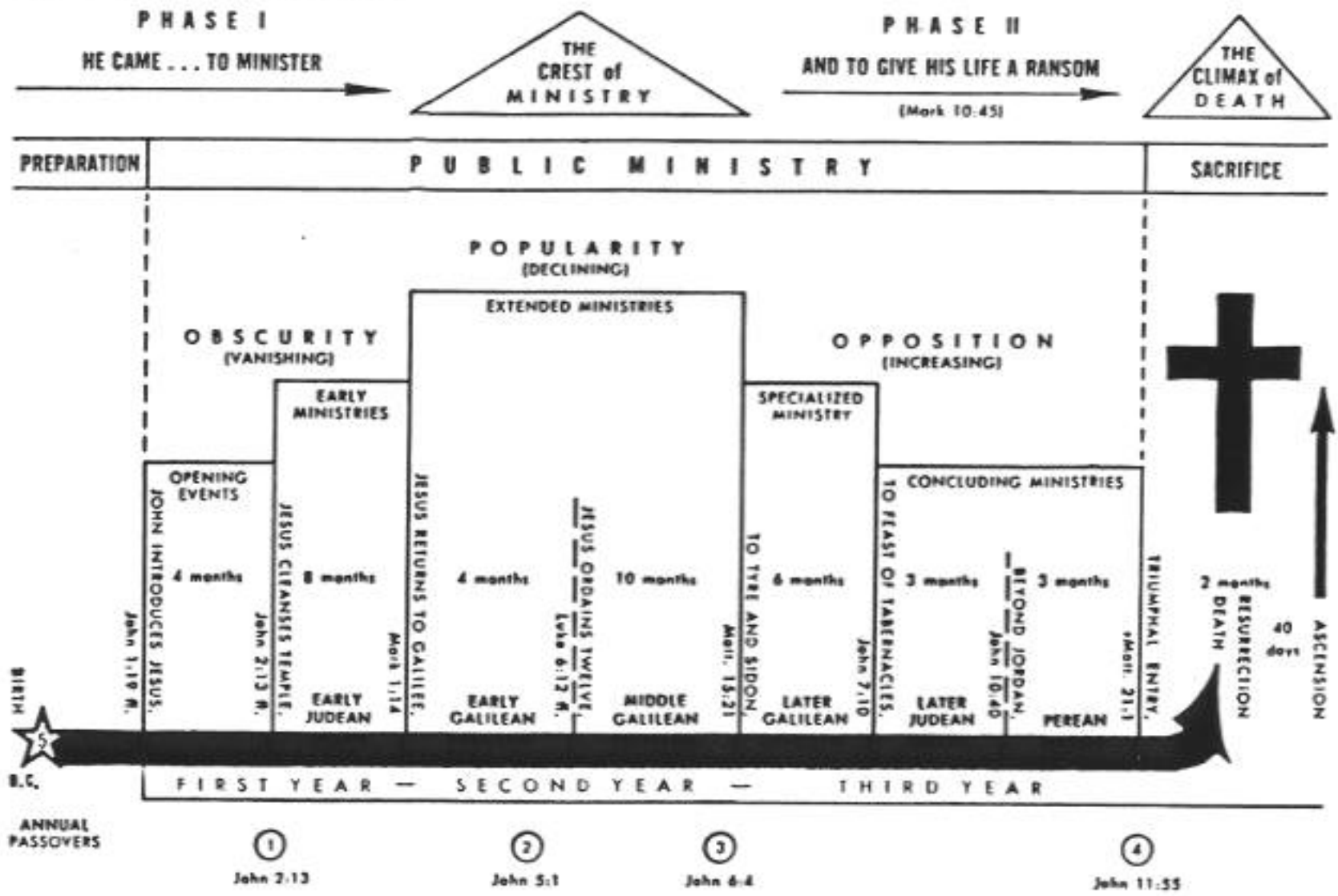
- ▶ Jesus is the Servant of the Lord
- ▶ Beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God
 - Gospel – good news of salvation
 - He is Jesus
 - He is the Christ
 - He is the Son of God
- ▶ The beginning
 - Not the beginning
 - The beginning of His ministry
 - The beginning of the New Covenant era

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The Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God

1. Mark 1:1-13 – The beginning
2. Mark 1:14-10:52 – The ministry
3. Mark 11:1-16:8 – The death and resurrection
4. Mark 16:9-20 – The continuation

THE EARTHLY LIFE OF CHRIST



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Distinctives of Mark

- ▶ Abrupt – short versions or summary statements
- ▶ “straightway” or “immediately” (x 42)
- ▶ Works emphasized over sayings
 - 1/2 the parables of Matthew and 1/3 those of Luke.
 - 1 of 6 of Jesus’ discourses (Mark 13)
 - 16 miracles – same as in Matthew and Luke

The Beginning of the Gospel (1:1-28)

- ▶ Introduction: 1:1-8
- ▶ Baptism: 1:9-11
- ▶ Temptation: 1:12-13
- ▶ Beginning ministry: 1:14-15
- ▶ Disciples called: 1:16-20
- ▶ Demons cast out: 1:21-28

Introduction (1:1)

- ▶ A verbless phrase – title statement.
- ▶ The fundamentals of the Gospel: John 20:31
 - Jesus – man among men
 - Christ – anointed of God for this work
 - Son of God – true God
- ▶ A complete picture

Old Testament Prophets (1:2-3)

▶ Malachi 3:1

- Disdain for God (Mal. 1:6)
- Messenger will prepare
- The great and terrible Day of the LORD (Mal. 4:5)

▶ Isaiah 40:3

- Comfort for My people
- Glory of the LORD shall be revealed

John the Baptist (1:4-8)

- ▶ He is the messenger/voice
- ▶ Preaching baptism of repentance for remission of sins
- ▶ Baptizing
 - Repentance
 - Remission of sins
- ▶ Those baptized confessed their sins
- ▶ What expectation?

The Hope of John's Message

- ▶ His appearance and diet
- ▶ The greatness of John: Matt. 11:1–15
- ▶ The hope of John
 - One mightier and more worthy
 - Baptism with the Holy Spirit

Baptism of Jesus Christ, the Son of God (1:9-11)

- ▶ Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee
- ▶ He was baptized
 - No efficacy in baptism
 - Submission to God (Matt. 3:15 and Heb 5:8)
 - Identification with sinners
- ▶ Divine approval
 - Heaven opened – Isa. 64:1-5
 - Spirit descended upon Him
 - Father spoke from heaven
 - “Beloved Son”
 - “Well pleased”

Tempted by Satan (1:12-13)

- ▶ Led/driven by the Spirit
- ▶ In the wilderness 40 days
- ▶ Tempted by Satan
- ▶ With wild animals
- ▶ Angels ministered to Him

Ministry begins (1:14-15)

- ▶ In Galilee
- ▶ Arrest of John
- ▶ Preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven
- ▶ Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God

Disciples called (1:16-20)

- ▶ Simon and Andrew; James and John
- ▶ Introduces a new phase of God's work
- ▶ Follow Me
- ▶ Fishers of men
- ▶ They left . . . and followed Jesus

Demons cast out (1:21-28)

- ▶ The issue of Authority and the Word of God
- ▶ Authority over Demons
- ▶ Authority over sickness

The Beginning of the Gospel

- ▶ The foundation of the Gospel
 - Jesus Christ is the Son of God
 - The authority and approval of the Godhead
 - He came to destroy the works of the devil
- ▶ The Gospel
 - Repent
 - Receive Jesus Christ as the Son of God