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
The Gospel of Mark
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 EARTHY LIFE OF CHRIST

PHASE I
HE CAME ... TO MINISTER

THE CREST of MINISTRY
(Mark 10:45)

PHASE II
AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE A RANSOM

THE CLIMAX of DEATH

PREPARATION  PUBLIC MINISTRY  SACRIFICE

POPULARITY (DECLINING)

OBSCURITY (VANISHING)

EXTENDED MINISTRIES

OPPOSITION (INCREASING)

SPECIALIZED MINISTRY

CONCLUDING MINISTRIES

B.C.

FIRST YEAR — SECOND YEAR — THIRD YEAR

ANNUAL PASSOVERS

1. John 2:13
2. John 5:1
3. John 6:4
4. John 11:53

OPENING EVENTS

EARLY MINISTRIES

TO THE AND SOON

TO FEAST OF TABERNACLES

TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

RESURRECTION

ASCENSION
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
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