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

Phase I
He came... to minister

Phase II
And to give His life a ransom
(Mark 10:45)

Preparation | Public Ministry | Sacrifice
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Birth B.C. | | |

Annual Passovers

First Year — Second Year — Third Year

Opening Events
- John introduces Jesus,
- John 1:19 ft.

4 months
- John 2:13 ft.

Jesus Cleanses Temple,
- John 2:14

8 months
- Early Juean

Jesus Returns to Galilee,
- Mark 1:14

4 months
- Early Galilea

Jesus Ordains Twelve,

10 months
- Middle Galilea

Popularity (Declining)

Extended Ministries

Opposition (Increasing)

Specialized Ministry

Concluding Ministries

- To Feast of Tabernacles,
- To Feast of Passover,
- To Feast of Dedication

3 months
- Later Judean

3 months
- Beyond Jordan,

To 40 Days

2 months
- Beyond Jordan,

Triumphal Entry Matthew 21:1

40 Days

Resurrection

Ascension

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The Life of Christ

Showing coverage by Mark (shaded)

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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