

Jesus Christ, the Son of God

Studies in the Gospel of Mark

The Beginning of the Gospel

Lesson 1

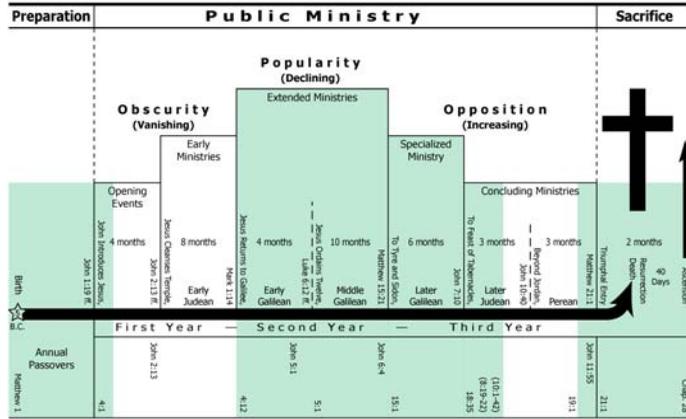
Mark 1:1-28

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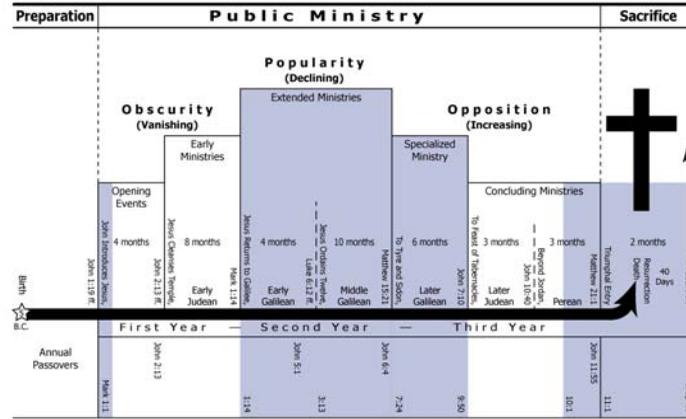
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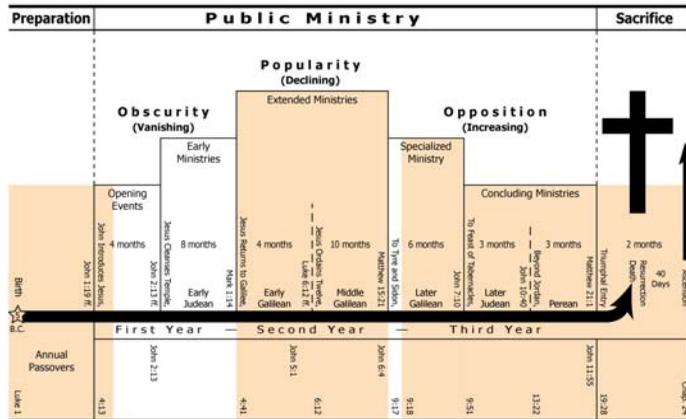
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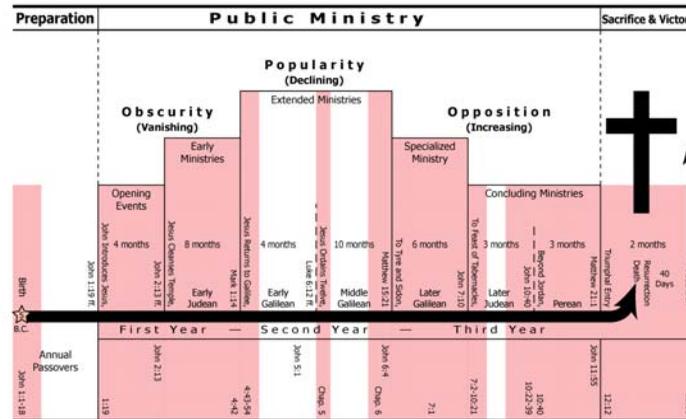
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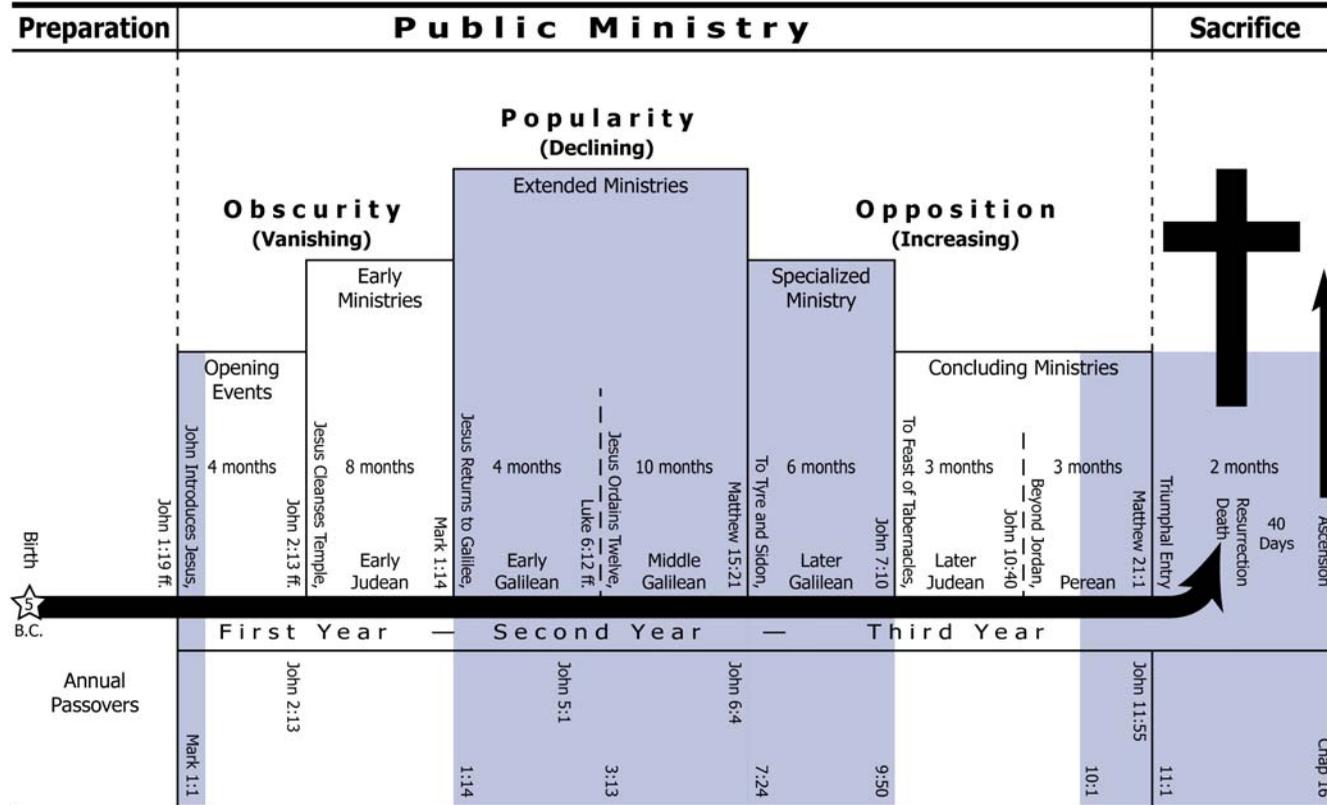


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Showing coverage by Mark (shaded)



Theme and Outline

- ▶ Exodus 5:2 – “Who is YHWH that I should obey His voice . . .?”
- ▶ Mark 8:29 – “Who do you say that I am?”
- ▶ Part 1 (1:1-8:30) – Jesus is the Christ (Messiah, Son of God)
- ▶ Part 2 (8:31-16:8 [9-20]) – Jesus is the Suffering Servant (the Savior)
- ▶ Mark presents his case with precision and focus

Lesson 1: The Beginning of the Gospel

- ▶ Introduction (1:1-13)
 - The promise from the Old Testament (1:1-3)
 - The ministry of John the Baptist (1:4-8)
 - The presentation of Jesus Christ, the Son of God (1:9-13)
- ▶ Jesus' Ministry Begins (1:14-28)
 - Jesus teaches (1:14-15)
 - Jesus calls disciples (1:16-20)
 - Jesus teaches with authority (1:21-22)
 - Jesus casts out a demon (1:23-28)

1. The Introduction (1:1-13)

- ▶ The promise from the Old Testament (1:1-3)
 - The nation terminated in 586 B.C. after 860 years of existence
 - The Anointed One – Messiah – Christ – the Son of David
 - Concealed in plain view
 - The beginning of the Gospel (Galatians 3:8; Ephesians 1:10)
 - Jesus – YHWH saves
 - Christ – Anointed (prophet, priest and king)
 - Son of God – God in the flesh (Genesis 3:15; Exodus 25:8)
 - Malachi 3:1 – the messenger of the covenant
 - Isaiah 40:3 – make straight the way of the Lord
 - YHWH and Lord
 - The wilderness – an unlikely but essential pathway

1. The Introduction (1:1-13)

- ▶ The ministry of John the Baptist (1:4-8)
 - In the wilderness and in poverty (clothing and diet)
 - Preaching – a baptism of repentance
 - Preaching – repentance for the forgiveness of sins
 - Preaching – the worthy One – God in the flesh
 - Preaching – a baptism of the Spirit
 - Preparing the way of the Lord – a new focus on the need for salvation

1. The Introduction (1:1-13)

- ▶ The presentation of Jesus Christ (1:9-13)
 - Jesus of Nazareth from Galilee
 - Baptism – Previews His ministry in a figure (Matthew 4:15; Romans 6:4)
 - Heavens opened (“torn open”)
 - The Spirit like a dove descended upon Him (Isaiah 64:1)
 - Another opening of heaven (Revelation 19:11)
 - A voice from heaven:
 - “My beloved Son” (John 3:16)
 - Well pleased with Him – His life and His death
 - Mark 9:7 – “Hear Him!”
 - Driven into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit
 - Wilderness for 40 days – a figure of the curse
 - Tempted by Satan (1 Peter 1:6-7; Heb 5:8)
 - Wild animals – danger and fear
 - Angels ministered to Him (Psalm 91:11; Heb 1:14)

2. Jesus' Ministry Begins (1:14-28)

- ▶ Jesus teaches (1:14-15)

- After the arrest of John by Herod – “delivered up” (*paradidomai*)
- In Galilee
- The preaching of Jesus
 - The time is fulfilled (Galatians 4:4)
 - The Kingdom of God is at hand
 - Repent and believe in the Gospel

2. Jesus' Ministry Begins (1:14-28)

▶ Jesus calls disciples (1:16-20)

- “Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.”
 - Living the life of Christ – a mind set on God's interests (8:34-38)
 - Giving up everything for the Christ and the Gospel's sake (10:29-30)
 - Devoted to the gospel of God
- Immediately (*euthys*) (1:18, 20)
 - A distinctive of Mark – appears 40 times in 15 chapters
 - Another word (*parachrema*), means “instantly, on the spot” (Lk 22:60)
 - Mark first uses this word in Mark 1:3 – “Make His paths *straight*.”
 - Translates Hebrew for “straight, upright
 - KJV: straightway – in a straight or direct line
 - *euthys*” means straight path; a direct course (straightway)
 - A righteous path and a providential path

2. Jesus' Ministry Begins (1:14-28)

- ▶ Jesus teaches with authority (1:21-22)
 - The teacher
 - Teach (x12) or teacher (x15)
 - Hosea 4:1 – “There is no knowledge of God in the land”
 - Hosea 4:6 – “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge”
 - Teaching with authority
 - “All authority has been given unto Me in heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18)
 - Authority: the power to influence or command thought or behavior
 - The basis for the success of the ministry of His followers – the power of the Word

2. Jesus' Ministry Begins (1:14-28)

- ▶ Jesus casts out a demon (1:23-28)
 - Demon possession – increased presence of Satanic powers
 - The mission of Christ (Genesis 3:15; 1 John 3:8)
 - The word of authority: “Be muzzled”
 - The word of authority: “Come out of him”
 - Amazement at “a new teaching” and a new power

The Beginning of the Gospel

- ▶ The beginning of the life of Christ
- ▶ The beginning of the life of His followers
- ▶ The simplicity and power of the Word
- ▶ The straight way of the Lord – righteous and providential
- ▶ The primacy of the Gospel message

