

Verse by Verse New Testament

190	Isaiah	581	Malachi
214	Jeremiah	586	
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THE BOOKS OF The New Testament			
Matthew	681	2 Thessalonians	837
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Luke	723	2 Timothy	842
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1 Corinthians	806	James	854
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Philippians	830	2 John	864
Colossians	833	3 John	865
1 Thessalonians	835	Jude	866
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- Through the New Testament at about one chapter per week.
- This will take roughly five years from the time we started with **Matthew 1**.

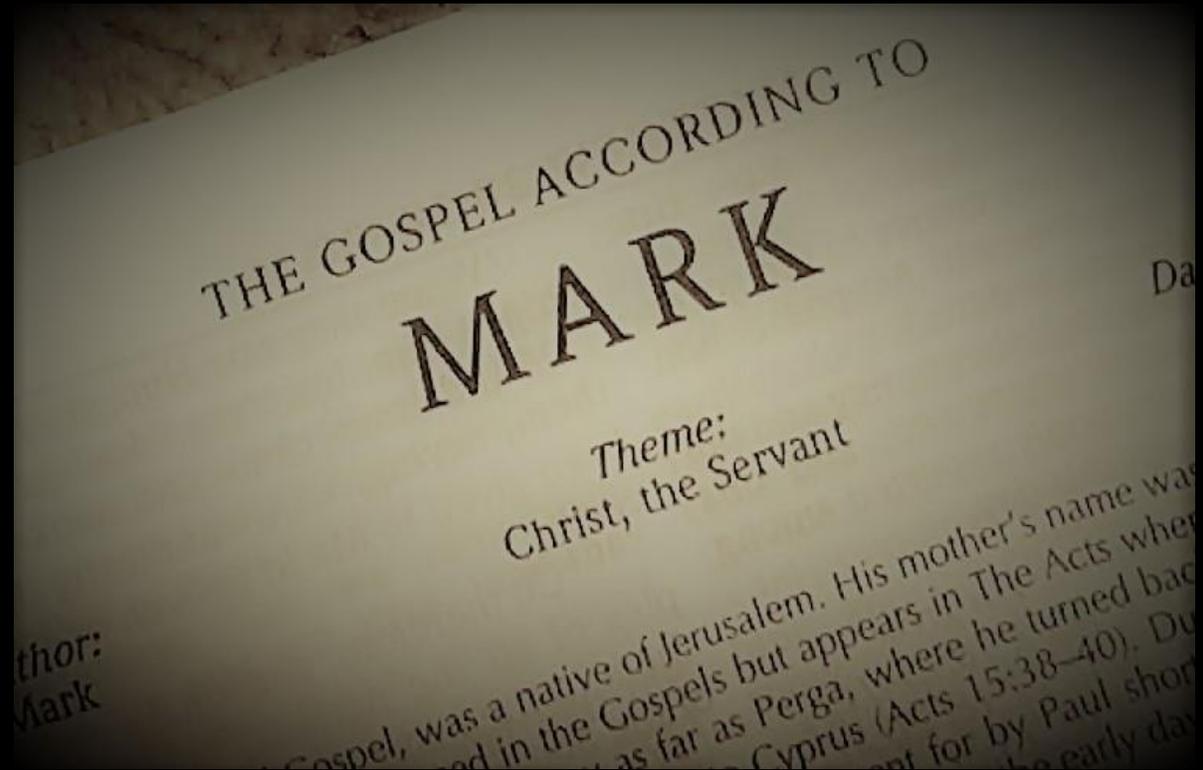
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Four Gospels

- Not exact duplicates.
- Not altogether different.
- Four overlapping and interlocking perspectives.
- Each author highlights different details on the life of Christ.

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Mark 01



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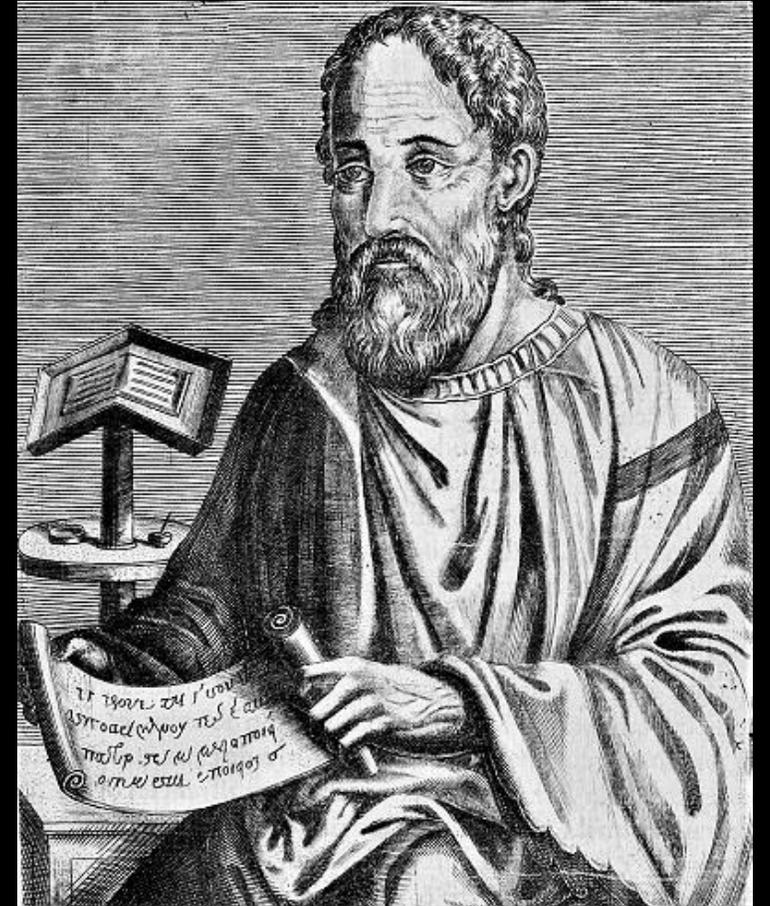
- **Author:** John Mark, cousin of Barnabas, associate mainly of Peter, but also of Paul.
- **Date:** The 60s AD is a good guess, somewhere just before or around the deaths of Peter and Paul.
- **Location:** Most likely Rome, if Mark accompanied Peter there near the time of his death.
- **Purpose:** Peter's age, imprisonment or death may have moved Mark to write, to preserve this message.

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- **Chief Characteristics:** Shortest Gospel and most to the point.
- Less teaching than Matthew, more like a news story.
- Greek language in the original contains numerous hints of Hebrew and more Latin words than other Gospels.
- This would be consistent with a Jewish Christian writing for a Roman audience.
- Many believe this to be the first Gospel written. The other evangelists knew and may have had the text.

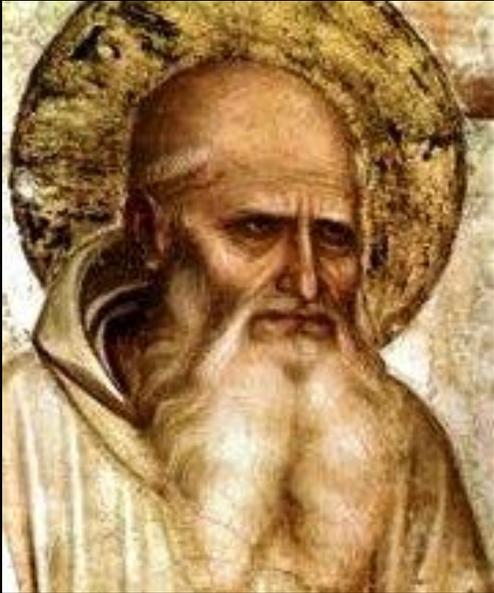
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- Eusebius of Caesarea (260 – 340), is sometimes called the Father of Church History.
- In his writings he quotes Papias of Hierapolis (70 – 155), who was “a hearer of John.”



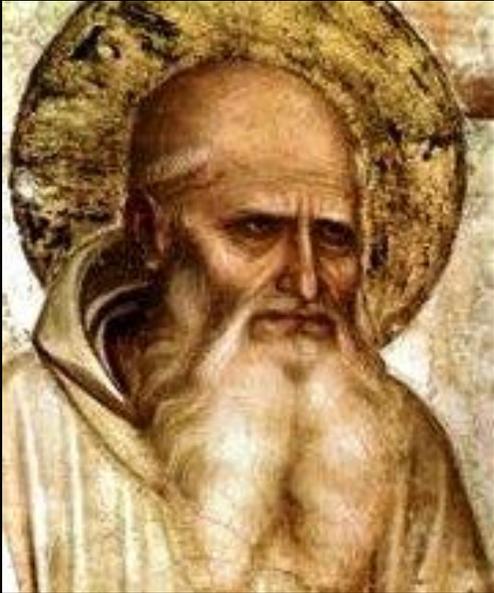
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- Papias of Hierapolis (70 – 155) wrote, *And the presbyter* [“elder” = John?] *said this. Mark having become the interpreter of Peter, wrote down accurately whatsoever he remembered. It was not, however, in exact order that he related the sayings or deeds of Christ.*
For he neither heard the Lord nor accompanied Him. But afterwards, as I said, he accompanied Peter, ...

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• Papias of Hierapolis (70 – 155) wrote, *... who accommodated his instructions to the necessities [of his hearers], but with no intention of giving a regular narrative of the Lord's sayings. Wherefore Mark made no mistake in thus writing some things as he remembered them.*

For of one thing he took special care, not to omit anything he had heard, and not to put anything fictitious into the statements.

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- Key Lesson from John Mark's Life: Restoration
- Acts 15:37-40 (ESV)

³⁷ Now Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark.

³⁸ But Paul thought best not to take with them one who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. ³⁹ And there arose a sharp disagreement, so that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus, ⁴⁰ but Paul chose Silas...

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- Key Lesson from John Mark's Life: Restoration
- Later Paul, writing his last known letter from a Roman prison, at a time when Peter may have already died under Nero.
- **2 Timothy 4:11** (ESV)

Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry.

Mark 1 Key Verse

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- Mark 1:1 (ESV)

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Mark 1 Outline

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1. John the Baptist 1:1-8
2. Christ's Baptism 1:9-11
3. The Temptation 1:12-13
4. Christ's Message 1:14-15
5. The First Disciples 1:16-20
6. An Unclean Spirit 1:21-28
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9. Cleansing a Leper 1:40-45

1. John the Baptist 1:1-8

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- 1:1 The beginning of the gospel
- Key Lesson from Mark 1:1:
- The gospel begins with Jesus Christ and is about Jesus from beginning to end.
- That is true of the four books we call Gospels.
- It is also true of the “good news” that we share today.
- It must be about Jesus or it is not the gospel.

1. John the Baptist 1:1-8

- 1:1 The gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God
- Gospel = *euangelion*, from which we get our words evangelize, evangelism, evangelical, etc.
- For example, it is important to do nice things and be a good person, but neither of those is the gospel.
- The gospel requires a verbally communicated message that points a person toward Jesus Christ the Son of God.

1. John the Baptist 1:1-8

- 1:2-3 The quotation Mark uses is a blending of Malachi 3:1 and Isaiah 40:3.
- The Old Testament was a living document for Mark.
- Things written hundreds of years earlier were absolutely relevant to his current situation.
- Key Lesson from Mark's use of Scripture: The Bible always remains relevant.

1. John the Baptist 1:1-8

- 1:4-8 Ritual washings were and are an important part of Jewish religious culture.
- John is using this existing symbolism to call people to a public form of repentance.
- He then points them to Jesus who is so much greater, and who is about to appear on the scene.

2. Christ's Baptism 1:9-11

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- Jesus did not need to repent of anything.
- He wanted to identify with us in every respect.
- This is also the moment when the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus to empower him for service.
- We can consider this the starting point of his public ministry.

3. The Temptation 1:12-13

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- Could God the Son truly be tempted?¹
- We must assume that this temptation was real.
- Jesus had no sin nature, so on the human side, this makes him like Adam and Eve before they sinned.
- Jesus was subject to the same weaknesses and temptations that all humans are (**Hebrews 2:18; 4:15**).
- Adam and Eve failed the test, but Jesus did not, which makes him the perfect substitute to pay for our sin.

4. Christ's Message 1:14-15

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- Ever since the fall in the garden, the kingdom or reign of God has not been obvious here on earth.
- The sinless Savior broke through into this sinful world in order to redeem it.
- That is the Good News.
- We need to turn from our sinful ways and toward Jesus.

5. The First Disciples 1:16-20

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- 1:17 fishers of men [people] The word “men” is not gender specific. It can apply to both men and women.
- Their job would now be recruiting others to follow Jesus just as they are going to do.

5. The First Disciples 1:16-20

- 1:20 they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants
- Important Lessons:
- When God calls you to specific task or ministry, do it.
- If God calls someone else to a specific ministry, stay right there in the boat.
- You will be more useful there, perhaps providing food, income and prayer support to others.

6. An Unclean Spirit 1:21-28

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- 1:21 Capernaum is on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee, about 30 miles northeast of Nazareth.
- From Capernaum, Jerusalem is about 3 hours to the south.

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- 1:22 as one who had authority Can you imagine attending a Bible study where God himself was teaching?
- 1:23-24 This man with the unclean spirit was right there in the synagogue with the congregation.

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This episode underscores the fact that satanic forces are present even in the assembly of God's people. The critical issue is whether God's people can recognize the enemy within. Resistance to divine authority, especially when the good news is being proclaimed with power, is a constant reality.

*– Victor Abajide Cole,
Africa International University, Kenya*



6. An Unclean Spirit 1:21-28

- Key Lesson: Stay aware of the spiritual battle.
- Wherever God's word is being proclaimed, the enemy is going to be there trying to hinder and disrupt the effort.
- 1:28 his fame spread everywhere It did not take long for Jesus to begin attracting crowds wherever he went.

7. Other Healings 1:29-34

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- This story from Christ's early ministry supports the idea that he got his information from Peter.
- It also shows his personal concern for his disciples.

8. Prayer and Preaching 1:35-39

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- Jesus was completely dependent upon his connection with the Father and his empowering by the Holy Spirit.
- He lived perfectly using means that are available to us.
- We need prayer to cover our lives and personal ministries.

9. Cleansing a Leper 1:40-45

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- The words used in the Bible for leper and leprosy sometimes (not always) mean what we today call Hansen's Disease.
- It is contagious via skin-to-skin contact and through an upper respiratory infection.
- The first symptoms, which can take years to show up are often on the skin.
- Later, nerve damage occurs, reducing the body's ability to feel pain. This makes it a lot like sin.

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- The key lesson from Mark's life is **Restoration**.
- **The gospel is about Jesus**. It began when Jesus came and continues in what he does today.
- The key lesson from Mark's use of Scripture is that **the Bible always remains relevant**.
- When God calls you to a specific ministry, do it. When he calls someone else, stay right there in the boat.
- Stay aware of the spiritual battle.

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- Heavenly Father,
- We understand that when Jesus came as a sinless Savior entering a sinful world, all of history changed. We benefit from his example and incomparable service to us.
- Help us to appreciate how much he identifies with us by enduring temptations, caring for our needs and ultimately dying so that we might receive eternal life.

Mark 1 A Prayer

- Help us to be willing to serve him as our God and Savior, being willing to leave anything and everything behind that stands in the way of complete devotion to our Lord.
- Help us also to be willing to serve him right where we are, if that is your will for us.
- Give us supernatural insight so as to always be aware of the spiritual battle that is raging around us. We want to continue to further your kingdom and see your word go out to everyone everywhere.

Mark 1 A Prayer

- And help us to be devoted to the proclamation of the gospel message, the message that tells us that Jesus Christ our Lord has come. We need to repent and believe in him.
- In Christ's name we pray,
- Amen.

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