

The Gospel of Mark

Fall 2023

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September 21	Lesson 1
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Important Information

Weather

In case of snow, call the Douglas County School District Snow Hotline: 303-387-SNOW or check their website: dcsdk12.org. If schools are canceled, the morning study will be canceled. If schools are delayed we will make a decision by 9 am and it will be communicated by your group leader. Decisions regarding weather and the evening study will be made by 4 pm and communicated to you by your group leader.

Small Group Etiquette

- * Everything discussed in the group is confidential.
- * Time is precious. Be mindful of the time and help the leader stay on task with the homework discussion.
- * Please no solicitation.
- * We kindly ask that you do not make book or website suggestions without checking with your group leader first.
- * Counseling is available through the church. Please see the Welcome Center for more info.

My group leader's phone number/email:

My assistant leader's phone number/email:

Welcome!

We are so glad you have joined us for our study of The Gospel According to Mark. This is the first of a two-part study. Our Fall session will cover chapters 1-7 and we will finish the Gospel of Mark in the Spring. It is our prayer for you to be richly blessed through this study and for you to grow in your knowledge and understanding of our Lord and His Word.

According to gotquestions.org: Although the Gospel of Mark does not name its author, it is the unanimous testimony of early church fathers that Mark was the author. He was an associate of the Apostle Peter, and evidently his spiritual son (1 Peter 5:13). From Peter he received first-hand information of the events and teachings of the Lord, and preserved the information in written form.

It is generally agreed that Mark is the John Mark of the New Testament (Acts 12:12). His mother was a wealthy and prominent Christian in the Jerusalem church, and probably the church met in her home. Mark joined Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey, but not on the second because of a strong disagreement between the two men (Acts 15:37-38). However, near the end of Paul's life, he called for Mark to be with him (2 Timothy 4:11).

Whereas Matthew is written primarily to his fellow Jews, Mark's gospel appears to be targeted to the Roman believers, particularly Gentiles. Mark wrote as a pastor to Christians who previously had heard and believed the Gospel (Romans 1:8). He desired that they have a biographical story of Jesus Christ as Servant of the Lord and Savior of the world in order to strengthen their faith in the face of severe persecution and to teach them what it meant to be His disciples.

Don't feel limited or bound by the number of lines corresponding to the questions. There is no need to fill up the whole space or to stop when you run out of space. Keep a notebook on hand if you desire to write more.

We are excited to start this study with you as we all continue in our spiritual growth and desire to walk worthy of the Lord.

... that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God...

- Colossians 1:10