

A Survey of the Gospel of Mark

Mark is the shortest and the fastest moving of the four (4) gospel writings of the life of Jesus the Christ. Mark's intended audience was Roman citizens and Mark presents Jesus as the ultimate "Servant Leader." The message of Mark's gospel can be captured in Mark 10:45 "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." Mark emphasizes Jesus' actions more than His teachings. The gospel according to Mark does not begin with a genealogy, but focuses on the ministry of service Jesus provided as and inspires believers to become servant leaders as well.

John Mark is considered to be the author of this book, and Mark was led to accept Jesus under the guidance of Peter. Mark was the cousin of Barnabas (Colossian 4:10), where he is referred to as Marcus. The authorship of the book is thought to be 57-59 AD. The gospel according to Mark is often studied by the miracles recorded in the book. Mark records eighteen (18) miracles that Jesus performed, and the miracles revealed a divine message and the miracles validated Jesus as the Son of God.

The Miracles in Mark

The miracles recorded in Mark reveal Jesus' power and authority over the following:

- **The spirit world.**
- **Disease.**
- **Nature.**
- **Material things.**
- **Death.**

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| 1. The man with an unclean Spirit. | 1:23-26; Luke 4:33-35 |
| 2. Healing Peter's mother-in-law. | 1:30-31; Luke 4:38-39 |
| 3. Healing a leper. | 1:40-45; Matthew 8:2-4; Luke 5:12-14 |
| 4. Healing palsy. | 2:1-12; Matthew 9:2-8; Luke 5: 17-26 |
| 5. The withered hand. | 3:1-6; Matthew 12: 9-14; Luke 6: 6-11 |
| 6. Stilling the storm. | 4:35-41; Matthew 8: 23-27; Luke 8:22-25 |
| 7. The Gadarene demonic. | 5:1-20; Matthew 8: 28-34; Luke 8: 26-39 |
| 8. The daughter of Jairus. | 5:31-43; Matthew 9:18-26; Luke 8: 40-56 |
| 9. The afflicted woman. | 5:25-34 ; Matthew 9: 20-22; Luke 8:43-48 |
| 10. Feed the five thousand. | 6:30-46; Matthew 14: 13-23; Luke 9:10-17, John 6:1-15 |
| 11. Jesus walking on water. | 6:47-56; Matthew 14:24-36; John 6:16-21 |
| 12. Syrophenician woman's daughter. | 7:24-30; Matthew 15: 21-28 |
| 13. Deaf and dumb man. | 7:31-37; Matthew 15: 29--31 |
| 14. Feeding the four thousand. | 8:1-9; Matthew 15: 32-38 |
| 15. The blind near Bethsaida. | 8:22-26 |
| 16. The demoniac boy. | 9:14-29; Luke 9: 37-43 |
| 17. The blind men near Jericho. | 10:46-52; Matthew 20:29-34; Luke 18: 35-43 |
| 18. The withered fig tree. | 11:20-25; Matthew 21: 20-22 |