

The Gospel of Mark

***. We must always remember that there is really only one Gospel.**

One Gospel but four views – Matt., Mark, Luke, John

Each Gospel writer has their perspective on the one Gospel.

***. Written by John Mark**

-Mother hosted a house church (see Acts 12:12)

-Cousin of Barnabas

-Started first missionary journey with Paul but left early (Acts 13)

-2 Tim. 4:11 – Paul considered him “useful for service”

-1 Pet. 5:13 – companion of Peter referred to as “my son”

-Received his information about Jesus from Peter and Paul

-Tradition – died a martyr

***. Situation during the writing**

-64 AD – persecution breaking out in Rome due to Nero

-Mark is writing to church in Rome to encourage them

-Wanted them to follow the pattern of Jesus Christ, the Son of Man

***. Key thought:**

-Jesus' call to follow him is a call to a life of discipleship.

-Mark 8:27-38

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²⁷ Jesus went out, along with His disciples, to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way He questioned His disciples, saying to them, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ They told Him, saying, “John the Baptist; and others say Elijah; but others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ And He continued by questioning them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered and said to Him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰ And He warned them to tell no one about Him. ³¹ And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And He was stating the matter plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. ³³ But turning around and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind Me, Satan; for you are not setting your mind on God’s interests, but man’s.” ³⁴ And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. ³⁵ “For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶ “For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ “For what will a man give in exchange for his soul? ³⁸ “For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

