


# The Gospel of Mark Introduction








## Mark

**Earliest of the Gospels** (est. 55 – 70 AD)

**Shortest as well**  
- Only 16 chapters long

**Written by “John Mark”**  
- Cousin of Barnabas


**Associated with Peter**  
“My fellow prisoners send you his greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas.”  
Temporarily alienated from Paul.  
Colossians 4:10



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**John’s Godly Mother – (A) Mary**

... Peter finally came to his senses. “It’s really true!” he said. “The Lord has sent his angel and saved me from Herod and from what the Jewish leaders had planned to do to me!”  
When he realized this, he went to the home of Mary, the mother of John Mark, where many were gathered for prayer...”  
Acts 12:12



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**Missionary Journeys With Barnabas & Saul**


... When Barnabas and Saul had finished their mission to Jerusalem, they returned, taking John Mark with them.”  
Acts 12:25



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**Missionary Journeys...  
but leaves them!**


... Paul and his companions then left Paphos by ship for Pamphylia, landing at the port town of Perga. There John Mark left them and returned to Jerusalem.”  
Acts 13:13



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**Restored!**

... Your sister church here in Babylon sends you greetings, and so does my son Mark.”  
1 Peter 5:13



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“... James son of Zebedee and his brother John (to them he gave the name Boanerges, which means “sons of thunder”) ... (3:17)





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 "...And taking the child by the hand, He said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' (which translated means, 'Little girl, I say to you, get up!') (7:41)



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 "... The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles... (7:1-4)

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**Action!**

**"Immediately!"**  
 (Used approx. 42 time!)

**"And!"**



**Mark**



**Confession**

**"But what about you?" he asked.**  
**"Who do you say I am?"**  
 Peter answered, **"You are the Christ!"**  
 Mark 8:29

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**Jesus...**

- The Anointed of God
- The Suffering Servant
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**Key Verse**

**"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."**  
 Mark 10:45

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**Ministry**

**"He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again."**  
 Mark 8:31



