

## The Gospel of Mark: a Path Strewn with Sinners

### WRITING A GOSPEL...

If you were going to write a gospel, telling the story of Jesus, what 5 chapters would it include and why? What key moments and events from Jesus' life and teaching do you want to be included? Who are you thinking about when you write this outline (who is your audience?)?

Audience:

Purpose:

Chapters:



Read these introductions to the gospels. What does the audience and purpose of each seem to be?

#### Matthew 1:1-2

Audience:

Purpose:

#### Mark 1:1-3

Audience:

Purpose:

#### Luke 1:1-4

Audience:

Purpose:

#### John 1:1-5

Audience:

Purpose:

## WHO IS MARK?

Mark 14:51; Acts 12:12, 25; 13:5; 15:37; Colossians 4:10; 2Timothy 4:11; Philemon 24;  
1Peter 5:13

## Jesus' Credential's

### Mark 1:1-13

Mark lays out Jesus' credentials, giving us FIVE reasons for us to pay attention to Jesus. What are those FIVE? Note the verses that these occur in.



What is Mark trying to establish for us right off the bat with these quick hitters?

Why do Matthew and Luke spend much more time on this part of Jesus' life and Mark flies right through it? In a broader way, why do we have very scant details on the life of Jesus – virtually nothing from years 2 – 30?

In "A Path Strewn with Sinners" the author writes, "He had come to save sinners. This ought to have been no surprise. The blood of numerous generations of innumerable beasts cried out as a reminder of that." To what is the author referring here? (pg5)

Why does the author call Jesus' life "a race to the cross"? (pg.6)

What do you find comforting about the connection between Jesus' baptism and your baptism? (pgs.6-7)

## Vs12-13

What's significant about the number 40? (Genesis 7:4,12,17; Exodus 34:28; Numbers 14:34; 1Kings 19:8; Jonah 3:4)

*40 regularly describes a period of trial or judgment terminating in the victory of good and the overthrow of evil.*

*"Our Lord leaves the battlefield qualified to meet every challenger and every challenge. His credentials are perfect: he is acknowledged as the promised forerunner, he is accepted by the Spirit, he meets and defeats Satan. Thus he enters into his ministry. In reading the gospel of Mark, we observe Jesus' deeds, hear his words, and learn to rejoice in "the beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God." People's Bible, 19*

What is the most important lesson we want to learn from Jesus' temptation?  
Hebrews 4:15; 2Corinthians 5:21

## Jesus begins his ministry in Galilee

### Mark 1:14-20

What does the world look for when it seeks successful ministry and ministers? How does it measure it?

Describe the ministry and the ministers Mark describes for us:

- ✓ John the Baptist and his ministry: 1:4-8
  
- ✓ Jesus: 1:14-15, 1:21-22
  
- ✓ The Disciples: Mark 1:16-20

What characteristics, then, does the Church look for in her ministry and in her ministers?