

# The Gospel of Mark

**Bold Declaration by an Insider**  
 “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God” Mark 1:1

“...it might be called a ‘witness document,’ something like a tract that someone would hand out...”

R C Sproul

“For the Son of Man came...to give his life as a ransom for many.” 10:45

“Come and die...and live 8:34-38

“repent and believe” 1:15

## Identity:

Who is Jesus? *Who do you say Jesus is?*

## Mission:

Why did he come?

**Call:** How should we respond?

18 Miracles

3 Miracles

Act One: Galilee

Act Two: On the Way to Jerusalem/The Cross

Act Three: Jerusalem/The Cross

(Mark 1:1 – 8:21)

(Mark 8:22 – 10:52)

(Mark 11:1 – 16:8)

### Five Blocks of Evidence Power and Authority:

- To teach
- Over sickness
- Over nature
- Over death
- *To forgive sin*

Healing  
Blind Man in  
Two Stages  
(8:22-26)

**Summary of Mark**  
**Identity** 8:27- 30  
**Mission** 8:31-33  
**Call** 8:34-38

Healing  
Blind  
Bartimaeus  
(10:46-52)

**In Mark:  
Jesus’ Throne is the Cross**  
*It does not end here...*

AD 29  
(Summer or Autumn)

Mid-April, 32 AD to  
Mid-Sept, 32 AD

March 29 33 AD  
(Sunday)

April 3 33 AD  
(Friday)

(2 ½ to 3 Years)

(6 to 12 Months)

(Last Week)

Approximately 3 ½ Years of Public Ministry

**Sin: rebellion; a problem of the heart.** 7:14-23 (Rom 3: 9-20; 23)

**Wrath: God’s anger at sin.** 9:42-50 (Rom 2:8; Eph 2:3)

**Grace: undeserved favor.** 10: 13-16; 17-31 (Eph 2:8-9)

## \* **Three Storms in Mark:**

- 1) on the sea of Galilee (4:35-41)    2) Disciples’ world view being overturned (chaps 8, 9, and 10)    3) The cross (chaps. 14-16)  
**We can trust Jesus with the storm of our own death.**    (The greatest storm of all...)

## \* **Blindness/ Lack of Faith**

**Pharisees**  
Healing the paralytic  
(2:1-12)

**Disciples**  
 • 8:31 vs 8:32-33    • 10:33-34 vs 10:35-45  
 • 9:31 vs 9:33-37    • 14:26-28 vs 14:29-31

**At the Cross**  
Pilate, Soldiers, Bystanders,  
Religious Leaders (15:15-39)

**Resurrection**  
The Women  
(16:1-8)

## \* **Judgment**

Malachi 3

Judgment on Jesus  
8:34-38; 9:31; 10:33-34

Judgment Falls on the Temple  
11:12-21; 12:1-12; 13:1-2

## \* **Jesus’ Call:**

“Repent & Believe”  
1:14-15

“And calling the crowd to him...if anyone would come after me,  
**let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” – Mark 8:34-38**

“Go...Tell”  
16:7

**Question: Will you serve or will you seek to be served?**

Count the Cost  
(Luke 14:25-33)

John the Baptist mistreated/killed    Jesus rejected/killed    Disciples can expect suffering – Mark 13

\* References/Credits: Christianity Explored Ministries; The Gospel of Mark (NIGTC) by R. T. France; Chronological Aspects of the Life of Christ by Harold W. Hoehner; and AD 33 by Colin Duriez.

“Stay awake.” 13:32-37

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**Validation by Independent Expert**  
 “Truly this man was the Son of God!”  
 Mark 15:39 (Centurion)

# The Gospel of Mark: Part I (1:1 – 8:21)

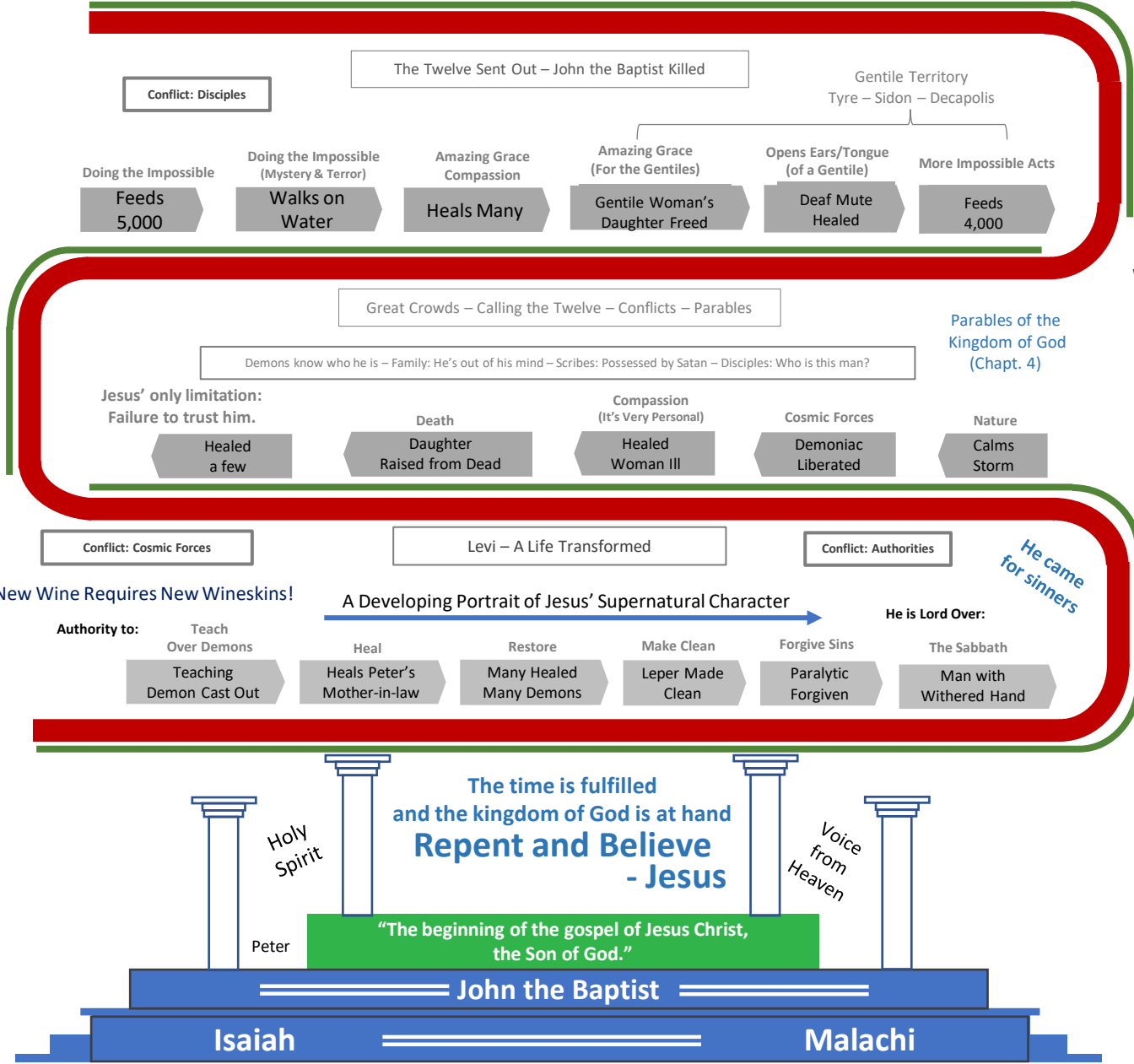
2 ½ to 3 years...

Disciples' increasing inability to cope with Jesus' supernatural character... "Do you not yet understand?" "Are your hearts hardened?"

## Identity

### Who is Jesus?

What Defiles a Person? (It's the heart)



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Identity  
Mission  
Call

**Healing of Blind Bartimaeus**

Chapter 10 *“For even the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” 10:45*

3<sup>rd</sup> Teaching of His Death  
...and Resurrection!

The Son of Man – Delivered into the hands of the Gentiles  
Be Killed – After 3 Days – He Will Rise  
**Wrath of God**

Idol: power & authority

Disciples’ Response: James and John ask for positions of power/authority!

*“It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell.” 9:45*

Chapter 9

2<sup>nd</sup> Teaching of His Death  
...and Resurrection!

Encounter with the Rich Young Man  
Salvation is an act of God

The Horror of Hell/Consequences of Sin

**Common Thread:**  
disciples are not willing to suffer or to serve

The Son of Man – Delivered into the Hands of Men  
Be Killed – After 3 Days – He Will Rise  
**Divine Judgment**

Idol: personal significance

Disciples’ Response: Debate who among them is the greatest!

**Healing of Demon Possessed Boy**

The Transfiguration

Chapter 8

1<sup>st</sup> Teaching of His Death  
...and Resurrection!

The Son of Man – Must Suffer  
Be Killed – After 3 Days – He Will Rise  
**Divine Necessity**

Idol: no suffering/no sacrifice; political objective, ?? etc.

Disciples’ Response: Peter tries to stop Jesus from going to the cross!

**Healing a Blind Man – Two Stages**

Are your hearts hardened?  
Do you not yet understand?  
Having ears do you not hear?  
Having eyes do you not see?

# Judgment/Salvation

Mission  
Call

Triumphal  
Entry

The setting: outskirts of Jerusalem

*Warnings of Judgment*

“Parable” of the  
Fig Tree (11:12-14, 20-21)

Judgment on the  
Temple (11:15-19)

Parable of the  
Tennants (12:1-12)

Jesus Foretells  
Destruction of the  
Temple (13:1-2)

Jesus is the new temple!!

(John 2:18-22; Eph 2:19-22; 1 Cor 3:16, 6:19-20)

*Salvation Through Judgment*

Jesus Death on the Cross  
Jesus claims His throne...

*Blindness at the cross: Pilate, soldiers,  
bystanders, religious leaders*

“Truly this man was the Son of God.”  
– Roman Centurion (15:39)

Resurrection

*Blindness at the tomb*

“And they went out and fled from the tomb, for  
trembling and astonishment had seized them, and  
they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.”  
Mark 16:8

What will your response be?

(Chapter 11)

(Chapter 11 – 13)

(Chapter 14 – 16)