

Overview of the Gospel of Mark

Proclamation Life Groups; Week of Sunday, October 28, 2018; Steve Thiel

Sermon Theme – Believers are more than conquerors through faith in their crucified and risen Savior, Jesus Christ, the Son of Man (Daniel 7), who ushers in God’s kingdom with power and authority, which He secured through His death, burial, and resurrection as the Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53) and is ultimately given to the saints of the Most High.

I. Observation Questions

A. Over the course of this week, read completely through the book of Mark with the overview outline in front of you. While reading, write down the major themes that stand out to you.

Major Theme from the Letter

Verse References

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B. What repeated ideas do you see in Mark that help you understand the structure of his Gospel?

C. If you had to suggest the purpose for which Mark wrote his Gospel, what would it be?

II. Interpretation Questions

A. After reading Mark 1:1-13, how does he introduce the idea of Jesus being the promised Messiah?

B. Read Daniel 7:13-27. Where do you see these themes in the Gospel of Mark?

C. What are all the different ways in which Jesus demonstrates His authority as the Son of Man?

D. Read Isaiah 53:1-12. Where do you see the theme of Jesus being the Suffering Servant in Mark?

E. How do the confessions of Peter (8:27-30), Bartimaeus (10:46-52) and the centurion (15:39) help you understand who Jesus is? How do these confessions help you understand Mark’s structure?

F. How is the resurrection (16:1-8) the greatest confirmation that Jesus is the promised Messiah?

III. Application Questions

A. How does Mark help you understand who Jesus is and what He came to accomplish?

B. How does Jesus being the Son of Man encourage you regarding the coming Kingdom of God?

C. How does Jesus’ willingness to suffer as the Son of Man motivate you to serve others?