

The Gospel of Mark

Major Sections in Overview

I. *The Drama of the Gospel of Mark: Observations on Genre*

II. *Introduction: What would you know about Jesus in AD 65?*
What is the meaning of Mark 1:1?

III. *Major Sections*

- A. 1:2-15 John the Baptist: who was he? why was he?
- B. 1:16-45 Discipleship behind Jesus, the curtain of conflict goes up, who are you?
sickness healed, a nameless leper
- C. 2:1-3:6 Five Smooth Stones of Opposition: he blasphemes, he associates with sinners,
he is impious, he breaks the law on two counts! He must die! (3:6)
- D. 3:7-35 He is in league with Satan; he is mad.
- E. 4:1-34 Mark's "Sermon on the Mount" in parable diction: 3 growth parables surrounding
the lamp parable (vv. 21-25). The mystery of the Kingdom of God is the mystery
of its growth.
- F. 4:35-6:6a The Five Act Riddle of Jesus' Identity: he calms the storms, he heals the
possessed, the sick, and raises the dead, is a prophet in word and deed.
- G. 6:6b-56 Jesus Responds to People in Peril: he sends disciples - [death of the Baptist?] -
he feeds the (5000) hungry, rescues the disciples, touches the needy.
- H. 7:1-8:26 Tradition and the Riddle of the Bread: the bread eating controversy and the
Tradition of the Elders, bread crumbs - [deaf/dumb person restored?] - food for
the (4000) hungry, a sign from heaven, bread controversy made clear - [blind man
restored?]
- I. 8:27-9:29 Passion Prediction #1: who am I/who are we? Confession, the Cross,
Transfiguration, Resurrection, and the deadly earnest of discipleship.
- J. 9:30-10:31 Passion Prediction #2: who am I/who is greatest?
First = Last and Servant: receiving a child in my name?
Marriage and Family and Discipleship
- K. 10:32-52 Passion Prediction #3: who am I/can we share in your glory? Drink my cup, take
my baptism, be a servant and slave of all (like the Son of Man, v.45)!
Discipleship and eyesight restored.
- L. 11:1-11 Triumphant (?) Entry into Jerusalem: what does he see (v. 11)?
- M. 11:12-12:34 Five Temple Encounters: [Sycamore tree?] Cleansing the Temple (kill him,
11:18), [Sycamore tree again?], the question about the Baptist, parable reply of
Jesus (seize him, 12:12), Taxes to Caesar?, Resurrection Riddle, the greatest
commandment?, silence.
- N. 12:35-44 Identity Decision and what shall I give? Who is the Christ? Widow's mite.

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