

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Cheat Sheet



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LOCATION

Likely written in Rome



PURPOSE

To present Jesus as the Suffering Servant and powerful Son of God in action.

OVERVIEW

UNIQUE FOCUS

Mark is the Gospel of action. It shows what Jesus did – and how He did it with power and authority.

KEY THEME

Who is Jesus? He is the Suffering Servant and Mighty Son of God

KEY TRUTH

Jesus came not to be served, but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many.



CHAPTERS

16

JESUS IN MARK

- The Son of God (*Mark 1:1*)
- The Servant (*Mark 10:45*)
- The Healer (*Mark 1:34*)
- The Teacher (*Mark 4:2*)
- The Miracle Worker (*Mark 6:2*)
- The Suffering King (*Mark 15:26*)
- The Risen Lord (*Mark 16:6*)



STRUCTURE AT A GLANCE

01

THE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL (1:1-13)

John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus.

02

JESUS' MINISTRY IN GALILEE (1:14-8:26)

Jesus proclaims the Kingdom of God and performs mighty miracles.

03

THE JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM (8:27-10:52)

Jesus teaches His disciples about discipleship and His coming suffering.

04

THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST (11:1-15:47)

Jesus enters Jerusalem as King and suffers, dies, and is crucified.

05

THE RESURRECTION (16:1-8)

The tomb is empty – Jesus is risen!

KEY PEOPLE



JESUS

The Son of God and Servant King

JOHN THE BAPTIST

The forerunner who prepares the way

PETER

Bold disciple; often speaks for the group

THE DISCIPLES

Those called to follow and learn from Jesus

JAMES, JOHN & ANDREW

Fisherman called to be fishers of men

BARABBAS

A prisoner set free instead of Jesus

THE ROMAN CENTURION

Witnesses Jesus' death and proclaims, "Truly this man was the Son of God."

KEY THEMES



THE SERVANT KING

Mark 10:45



POWER & AUTHORITY

Mark 1:27



FAITH

Mark 5:36



DISCIPLESHIP

Mark 8:34



SUFFERING & SACRIFICE

Mark 10:45



VICTORY THROUGH THE CROSS

Mark 15:37; 16:6

TOP VERSES TO KNOW

- ♥ **Mark 1:15** – "The time has come. The Kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"
- ♥ **Mark 8:34** – "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."
- ♥ **Mark 10:45** – "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 16:6** – "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said."

MARK AT A GLANCE

FAST-PACED

Moves quickly from event to event – showing urgency and purpose.

SHORT & POWERFUL

The shortest Gospel, but every verse points to Jesus

FOCUSED ON ACTION

More "doing" than "teaching" compared to other Gospels.

POINTS TO THE CROSS

From the beginning, Jesus is on the path to the cross.

ENDS IN HOPE

The message of resurrection changes everything.

Study His Word. Know His Heart. Love His Truth.