

WELCOME!
Men's Fellowship Breakfast

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#1 – Mark 1:1-15

Introduction to Mark

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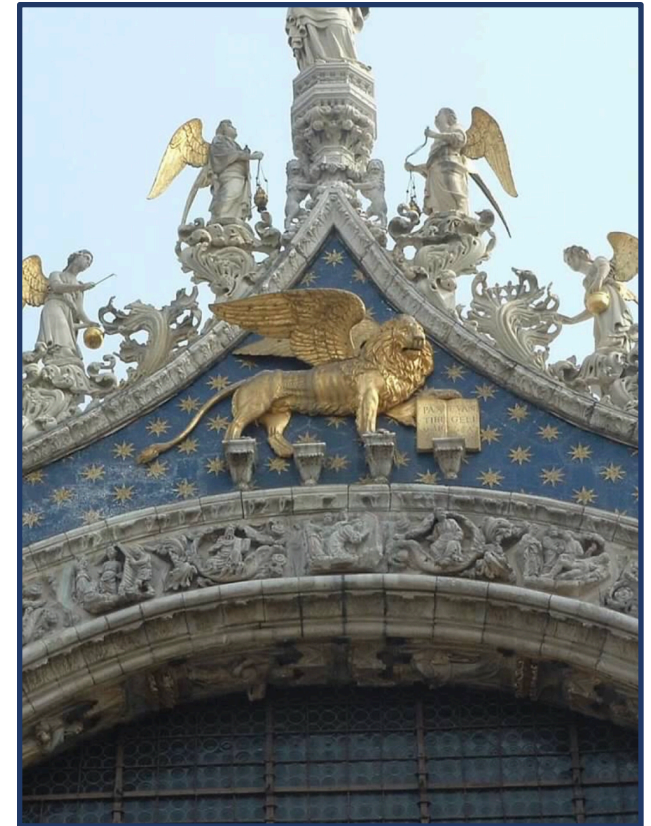
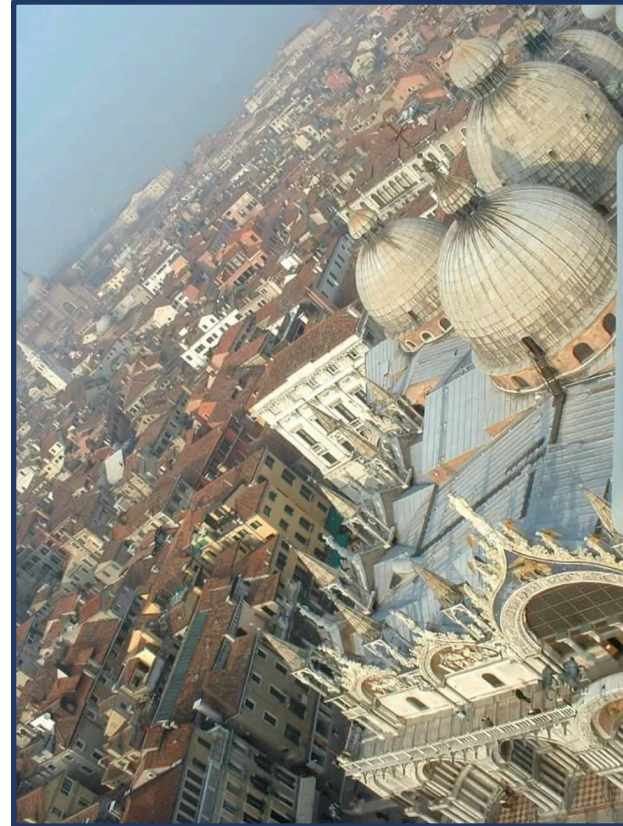
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Introduction to Mark: Background

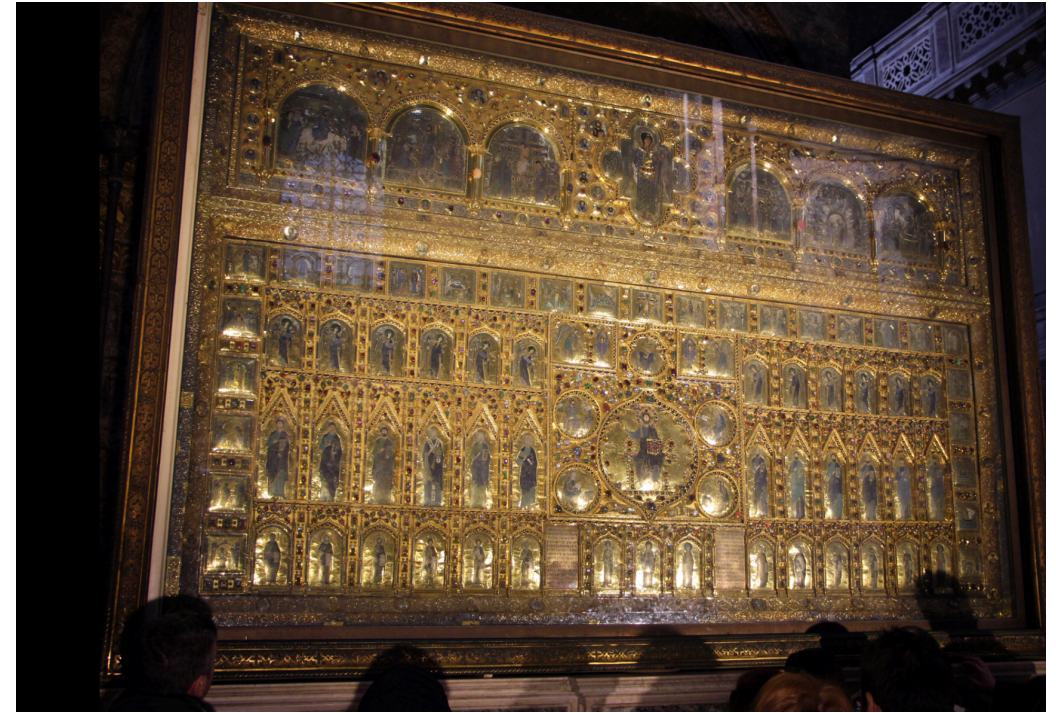
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Pala D'Oro = "Golden Cloth"
Remains of St. Mark?

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- **Date written:** c. A.D. 63-70
- **History/Setting:** Jesus' followers were suffering, just as He suffered.
- **Purpose:** To *present* Jesus as the Ultimate Suffering Servant (leading to *resilience*) and to *proclaim* the Kingdom of God (leading to *repentance*).

Introduction to Mark: Background

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



Introduction to Mark: Structure

- 1) **Presentation** of the Suffering Servant *(1:1-2:12)*
- 2) **Opposition** to the Suffering Servant *(2:13-8:26)*
- 3) **Instruction** of the Suffering Servant *(8:27-10:52)*
- 4) **Rejection** of the Suffering Servant *(11-15)*
- 5) **Resurrection** of the Suffering Servant *(16)*



Introduction to Mark: Structure

- I. **Jesus came to *serve* (Mark 1-11)** “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to *serve* ...” (Mark 10:45a).
- II. **Jesus came to *suffer* (Mark 12-16)** “ ... and to *give his life* as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45b).



Introduction to Mark: Unique Features

- A “Synoptic” Gospel
- Gospel of action: “*immediately*” (42x)
- Jesus and His family
- The “Secret Messiah”
- Theme of suffering
- Remember the oral culture of the ancient world.

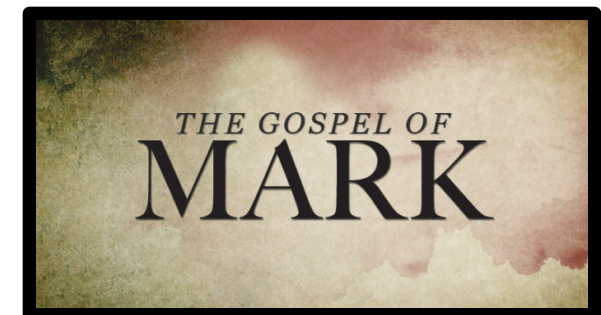
Introduction to Mark: Unique Features

“When we enter the story of the Gospel of Mark, we enter a world of conflict and suspense, a world of surprising reversals and strange ironies, a world of riddles and hidden meanings, a world of subversive actions and political intrigues. And the protagonist – Jesus – is the most surprising of all ... Although the characterization of Jesus is consistent throughout, there appears, nevertheless, a clear development in the portrayal of Jesus from one half of the gospel to the next. In the first step, he serves with power; in the second, he serves as the one who suffers.”

- **David Rhoads, Joanna Dewey, Donald Michie, *Mark as Story***

Introduction to Mark: Message

The Gospel of Mark shows us how to *serve* and *suffer* like our Savior.



Outline of Mark 1:1-15

1) John's Ministry (1:1-8)



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“A baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins was a call for preparation for the arrival of the Lord’s salvation. To participate in this baptism was a recognition of the need for God’s forgiveness with a sense that one needed to live differently as a response to it.”

- NET Bible Study Note

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Judean Wilderness



Mons Quarantania (“Hill of 40 Days”)

Jesus' Temptation

For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

- **Hebrews 2:18**

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

- **Hebrews 4:15**

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- 4) Jesus' Ministry (1:14-15)**



Jesus' Message (Mark 1:15)

- 1) The kingdom of God is near!
- 2) Repent and believe in the gospel!



Jesus' Message (Mark 1:15)

“The Jews needed to make a double response since the kingdom of God was at hand. They needed to *repent* and *believe*. These two words call for successive actions, but the action is really one act that involves two steps taken almost simultaneously. *Repenting* involves turning from something, and *believing* involves embracing something else. For example, a drowning man who is clinging to a scrap of wood needs to do two things when a lifeguard reaches him ...

Jesus' Message (Mark 1:15)

“... He needs to release the wood and entrust himself to the lifeguard. When John the Baptist called the Jews to repent, he urged them to abandon their former hope of salvation because the Lifeguard was there to save them. When Jesus said, “Believe in the gospel,” He meant, “Believe the good news that Messiah is here.” Messiah was the subject of the gospel and the object of belief.”

- Tom Constable

Introduction to Mark (Mark 1:1-15)

The Gospel of Mark shows us how to *serve* and *suffer* like our Savior.

Assignment: Read The Gospel of Mark (*1.5 hours*)

Next Week: Mark 1:14-45



Table Discussion

How do you respond to the truth that ***God loves you*** and is ***“well-pleased” with you*** through Christ?



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