

# The Gospels

## Mark (1)

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- “Victor of Antioch (fifth or sixth century), the earliest known commentary on Mark, ‘complains that while Matthew and John had received the attention of a number of expositors, and Luke also attracted a few, his utmost efforts had failed to detect a single commentary upon Mark.”
- Was it considered an unimportant book by many?
- Was Mark the source for Matthew and Luke?

# Who wrote Mark?

- Papias – “And the Elder said this also: Mark having become the interpreter of Peter, wrote down accurately everything that he remembered without however recording in order what was either said or done by Christ...” – Mark reproduced Peter’s preaching
- Justin Martyr refers to Mark as the “memoirs of him,” that is, Peter. The “him” refers to Peter because in the same sentence Justin represents the change of names of one of the apostles to Peter, and of the two sons of Zebedee to Boanerges, as reported in these “memoirs”. These two things are only found in Mark 3:16-17.
- Irenaeus – “After their departure (exodon), Mark, the disciple and interpreter of Peter, did also hand down to us in writing what had been preached by Peter.”

# Who wrote Mark?

- “According to Mark” in the earliest manuscripts.
- Mark 14:51-52
- Something interesting: Mark 14:12-16; Matt. 26:17-19; Jn. 13:1; Acts 12:12-17

# Who is Mark/John Mark?

- Acts 12:12, 25
- Acts 13:13
- Acts 15:37, 39
- Col. 4:10
- 2Tim. 4:11
- Philemon 1:24
- 1Peter 5:13

# Date written

- Probably while Paul and Peter were preaching in Rome, near the time of their deaths under Nero. Between 65-70AD.
- A Gospel of deeds – (euthus or eutheos – at once, immediately, right away, straightway)
  - This word used 42 times in Mark – all chapters but 12, 13 and 16.
  - 1:10, 12, 18, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 42, 43.
- Probably written in Rome – Matt. 19:9 – Mark 10:11-12

# Outline

- Preparation – 1:1-13
- Ministry in Galilee – 1:14-7:23
- Ministry North and East of Galilee – 7:24-9:50
- Toward Jerusalem – 10
- Ministry in Jerusalem – 11-13
- Submission to death – 14-15
- Resurrection – 16
- Compare Mark to Acts 10:34-43