

# THE GOSPEL OF MARK

**OT/NT:** New Testament

**SECTION:** The Four Gospels (2 of 4)

**TRADITIONAL AUTHOR:** John Mark

**KEY PEOPLE:** Jesus Christ, Jewish Leaders, John the Baptist, Pontius Pilate, Twelve Disciples.

**SUMMARY:** Canonically, the Gospel of Mark is the forty-first book of the [Holy Bible](#) (1), the second of [the Four Gospels](#) narratives (2) and the second book of the [New Testament](#) (3).

One of the earliest official accounts of the life, [Death](#) (4) and [Resurrection](#) (5) of [Jesus](#) (6), Mark is generally accepted as the oldest of the Gospel manuscripts. The shortest of the three synoptic Gospels is a carefully crafted story that gives an account of Jesus' life and addresses the question of whether or not He is the Jewish [Messiah](#) (7). And if so, what kind of Messianic King was He if He suffered and died?

In the first half, everyone questions who He is, the middle questions the [Disciples'](#) (8) belief about Him and the second half tells how He became the Messiah. Many Jews hoped that the Messiah would overthrow the Romans and rule as king but, as we read this book, we see that He came as a servant to set up the kingdom of God on Earth. While He is the Son of God, He also sacrificed His life to save people from slavery to sin.

The book's abrupt ending challenges us to decide if we believe He is the Messiah.

**COMING UP:** Next up is the Gospel of Luke (9). Click [HERE](#) to explore!

## FOOTNOTES:

- (1) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/the-word-of-god>
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