

## The Gospel of Mark

### General Comments

1. There is no birth story and originally no resurrection appearances
2. The Use of “Immediately”
3. Discipleship is learned through watching Jesus, not his disciples
4. The author introduces the concept of the “Gospel”
5. We have the “Messianic Secret”
6. Son of Man is Jesus’ preferred title
7. The Small Apocalypse
8. Jesus is a Ransom for our sins
9. Jesus offers parables to outsiders but explains their meaning to insiders

### Flow of the Book

1. Prologue (1:1-13) **Jesus is the One**
  - a. Begins with the Baptist
  - b. Jesus wins the temptation battle
2. Early Galilee Ministry (1:14-3:6) **Jesus has the Goods**
  - a. Jesus is the supernatural healer
  - b. Jesus has conflict with religious leaders
3. Later Galilee Ministry (3:7-6:13) **Who will follow Jesus to the Kingdom?**
  - a. Jesus chooses 12 Disciples
  - b. Jesus’ true family
  - c. Kingdom Parables
  - d. Jesus overpowers the powers
  - e. Rejection at home
  - f. Disciples sent out
4. Withdrawal from Galilee (6:14-8:30) **Who is this Jesus?**
  - a. Who is Jesus?
  - b. Miracles give answer
  - c. Jesus is Messiah
5. Journey to Jerusalem (8:31-10:52) **Following is Hard**
  - a. Passion predictions (three of them)
  - b. Discipleship is difficult
  - c. All are welcome however (even the blind and children)
6. Jerusalem Ministry (11:1-13:37) **Time to Decide**
  - a. The Moment is now (entry and figs)
  - b. Jesus faces questions
  - c. Jesus goes apocalyptic
7. Passion and Empty Tomb (14:1-16:8) **Jesus Completes His Mission**
  - a. People Plot
  - b. Last Supper
  - c. Struggle, trial and denial
  - d. Crucified, dead and buried
  - e. Empty tomb.
8. Epilogue (16:9-20) **Proof of Jesus’ Success**
  - a. Jesus appears