

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK

Introduction-Chapter 8

Author Who wrote the Gospel of Mark? What Apostle's authority stands behind this second Gospel?

Destination What primary audience is the Gospel directed toward? What evidence is there for this position?

Structure What are the two major and minor sections the Gospel is divided into?

Themes What are the major themes of Secret and Sonship in Mark's Gospel?

Read 1:4-8 What is the meaning of John not being worthy to untie the straps of Jesus's sandals? (Note 1:7)

Read 1:9-11 Why does Jesus receive John's baptism? How does the Blessed Trinity manifest and reveal itself at the baptism of Jesus? (Note 1:9-11)

Read 1:12-13 How does the temptation of Jesus relate to the temptation of Adam and Israel in the Old Testament? (Note 1:12-13)

Read 1:40-45 What Is leprosy? (Note 1:40)

What is the "Messianic Secret" and why did Jesus decide to employ this strategy? (Note 1:44)

Who Are the Pharisees?

(Topical Essay)

What does the word Pharisee mean?

How was the quest for holiness and separation by the Pharisees expressed?

How did Jesus view the relationship between Israel and the Gentiles as it relates to the New Covenant? How does this contrast with the view that the Pharisees held?

Read 2:1-12 Does Jesus heal the paralytic based on the faith of others? (Note 2:5)

How does Jesus prove the supernatural by means of the natural? (Note 2:9)

Read 2:13-17 How did tax collection work in 1st century Palestine? (Note 2:14)

Read 2:23-28 What is the difference between plucking and harvesting? (Note 2:24)

How does David and his companions compare with Jesus and his disciples concerning the Mosaic ritual Law and the Sabbath? (Note 2:25)

What is the subtle meaning that Jesus implies by citing Abiathar as High Priest? (Note 2:26)

Read 3:13-19 What is the significance of Jesus appointing 12 Apostles? (Note 3:14)

Read 3:31-35 What is the difference between biological relationships and spiritual relationships? (Note 3:35)

Read 4:1-2 Why does Jesus use parables to teach? (Note 4:2)

Read 4:3-9 What are the three responses to this parable that prove unfruitful? (Note 4:3-8)

Read 4:10-12 Jesus entrusts the true meaning of the interpretation of the parables to his inner circle of disciples, how does the true meaning of the faith get transmitted down through the ages? (Note 4:11)

Read 4:35-41 Who can control nature? (Note 4:35-41)

Read 5:1 Where is Geresá located? (Note 5:1)

Read 5:2-13 What is Legion? (Note 5:9)

What is the biblical symbolism of the sea as it relates to demons and the swine being cast into the sea? (Note 5:13)

How are these two accounts of healing related? (Note 5:21-43)

The woman with a flow of blood was unclean. What does “uncleanliness” in the New Testament mean? What happens when Jesus touches this woman? (Note 5:25)

Read 6:7-13 What sacrament is prefigured by this text? (Note 6:13)

Read 6:14 Who is Herod Antipas? (Note 6:14)

How does the miracle of the loaves relate to the past and to the future? (Note 6:35-44)

Read 6:41 Who does Jesus give the multiplied bread to? How does this manifest itself in the New Testament? (Note 6:41)

Read 7:1-5 What were the traditions of the elders? How do they relate to God's written law? Are they of equal status to God's revealed law? (Note 7:3)

Read 8:11-13 How are the Pharisees like the Israelites in the Wilderness? (Note 8:11)

Read 8:14-21 What is the symbolism of the numbers 12 and 7 as it relates to the loaves and the feeding of the multitude? (Note 8:19-21)