

The Gospel

Mark 1:1

Fast Facts

The Gospel of Mark ...

The Beginning of the Gospel

- The Bible begins with the story of creation, but the gospel begins with the story of re-creation.
- In Adam, paradise is _____; in Jesus, paradise is _____.
- Mark's focus is on the _____—the good news that Jesus lived, died, and rose again to secure salvation for all who believe.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God

Mark's backstory ...

- He accompanies Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey (Acts 13).
- He _____ Paul and Barnabas and returns home.
- The gospel tells us that God _____ the dark moments of our lives. In the death and resurrection of Jesus, God busted through the evil plans of wicked men to bring salvation to sinners like us.
- To become _____ with the God who blew up your plans is to turn your back on the hope of the gospel. Isaiah 40:31, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." Galatians 6:9, "Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."
- He is likely the _____ young man in Mark 14:51-52, who follows Jesus into the Garden of Gethsemane, but when soldiers attempt to seize him, he runs away naked.
- The _____ is God's answer to our past sins and failures. Psalm 103:12, "As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us." 2 Corinthians 4:7, "But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us."
- The gospel is why his story doesn't end with sin and failure; it ends with forgiveness and restoration. The gospel _____!

Three Takeaways

1. There are two big _____ in the Christian life: To think that you're _____ major failure ... and to believe that failure _____ you.
2. It isn't about _____; it's about _____. John 14:6, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
3. Saturate your life with the _____. Mark 8:43, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."