

The Gospel

III. The “Christ” In Mark - “According to the Scripture”

A. The Purpose of Mark’s Gospel - Two-Fold

1. Historical significance

a. The most neglected Gospel

- i. most consider it to be the first written
- ii. 90% of the stories are in Matthew and Luke
- iii. rougher style than its peers (probably dictated by Peter)
- iv. has more problem passages that the others smooth out
- v. no commentary written until the sixth century

b. most intensely studied today

2. Presents Jesus’ Mission

a. as the Messiah and Son of God - Mk 1:1-8:30

i. His humanness - no mention of birth or childhood, or genealogy, b/c a servant's genealogy is not important

- emphasizes Jesus’ humanity by using name of “Jesus”
- emphasizes Jesus’ emotions

-grieved, sighing deeply in His Spirit –7:34; 8:12

-moved w/ pity - 6:34

-marveling at unbelief - 6:6

-indignant at the conduct of disciples - 10:14

-anger w/ His critics - 3:5

-deeply distressed - 14:33

- emphasizes human characteristics

-the need to be alone - 1:35

-the need for sleep - 4:38

-the need to pray - 6:46

-loneliness - 10:32

ii. His Divinity and Ministry – The Son of God

- His baptism underscored w/ The Father’s Proclamation - 1:11; Ps 2:7,12

- w/ John the Baptizer as His forerunner - 1:1-13

- Immediately - used 41 times speaking to the urgency of the ministry

- the title “Son of Man”

-used 14 times in Mark

-used in OT as a synonym for man - Ps 8:4; 144:3

-used in Daniel definitely deals with His divinity

-used by Jesus of himself to indicate Authority, victory, lowliness and suffering

- Key word in this section - Authority
 - emphasized in the use of the “Kingdom of God”
 - refers to His divine sovereign authority
 - used 15 times in Mark
 - to forgive sins - 2:10
 - over the OT law - 2:27
 - over the tribes of Israel by calling the 12 disciples - 3:13-19
 - over the creation - 4:39,41
 - over demons - 5:1-20 legion
 - over disease - 5:25-34
 - over death - 5:35-43
 - concludes with Peter’s confession - 8:29

b. as the OT’s Suffering Servant of Isa 53 - Mk **8:31**-16:8

i. Starting in 8:30 , Jesus predicts His own death 3 times in 3 chapters - 8:31; 9:31; 10:32-34

ii. Jesus’ own words - Mk 10:45

- ransom - something to loosen with, a redemption price (atonement):--ransom.

- pays for the sins to restore people to a right relationship w/ God

iii. Keeping His Messiahship Secret

- 1st public disclosure - triumphal entry - 11:1-11 - Fulfilling Zec 9:9

- He silences

- demons - 1:25,34; 3:11-12; 5:7

- those healed - 1:44; 5:43; 7:36; 8:26

- the disciples - 8:30; 9:9

- b/c the expectations of the Jews - a warrior Messiah King

- in order to fulfill His true suffering role of the Messiah - Ps 40 :6-10; Is 42:1,19; 49:6; 52:13-14; 53; Eze 34:23-24; 37:24-25; Zec 3:8

iv. Provoking the religious leaders

- 2nd cleansing of the temple - 11:1-11

- controversies w/ religious leaders - 11:27-33; 12:13-37

- parables indicating they were the problem - 12:1-12

- their response, plot to kill Him - 11:18; 12:12; 14:1

- the events that follow

- Judas’ betrayal and arrest,

- unlawful trials,

- Peter’s betrayal - Mk 14:29,31

- crucifixion

- rejection from His own people

- God’s abandonment - Ps 22:1; Mk 15:34

v. The completion of His service - the Victory of the resurrection - Mk 16