

The
GOSPEL
according to
MARK



THE FIRST & SECOND LETTERS OF PETER | THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

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Gospel refers to the joyful announcement that God’s chosen king has arrived.

“Christ’s story is just as well attested as Caesar’s. You can accept or deny claims made about Jesus in the Gospels, but you can’t pretend they were never made. If the sources for Caesar are good enough for classicists to study and accept, then we should also seriously assess the core descriptions of Jesus’s life from the sources closest to him”

— *Darrell Bock, professor of New Testament at DTS*

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“Mark . . . transmitted to us
in writing the things
preached by Peter.”

— *Irenaeus, church planter in Lyon (modern France)
around the year 175*

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 - Acts 12:12
 - 1 Peter 5:13

“And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.”

— *Mark 14:51–52 (the author’s “signature”)*

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“Even the Son of Man came not
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— *Mark 10:45*

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4. A Roman soldier observing the crucifixion is convinced that “this man was the Son of God” (Mark 15:39).

Scripture Reading

MARK 1:1–39

THE MAIN POINT OF MARK 1:1–39

Jesus is the Son of God who came to destroy Satan. Those who want to experience life without the curse must repent of their self-centeredness and follow Jesus through suffering to glory.