

**Mark: Jesus, The Servant of Man**  
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**Mark 10:42-45...summarizes Mark**

*Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43 But it shall not be so among you.*

*But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.*

*45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

**Describe room.... location, GOAL, personalities, likes or dislikes...still same room!**

- The Gospels are four **distinct accounts** of one person with one **purpose.... good news**
  - Jesus **came** from **heaven** to **serve** and **returned** to heaven to **serve!**

**Mark known in New Testament as John Mark.... John his Jewish name... Mark his Roman name.**

- **Son of Mary, rich woman in Jerusalem ...Likely Last Supper in her home.**
- **Cousin of Barnabas** join Paul and Barnabas on **first mission journey** and caused disagreement, so they **parted ways.**

**First gospel written A.D. 55-59...based on Peter's testimony, Mark referred to as Peter's spiritual son. 1 Peter 5:13**

- **All but 31 verses** quoted in **other gospels**, Matthew and Luke used **Mark** as **source material.**

**Shortest and most succinct of four Gospels and thus most often translated New Testament book.**

- **Wycliffe translators** usually **begin** translation work **with Mark's Gospel.**

**Letter written to Roman Christians.... people of action.... called "Go Gospel"**  
**See outline at the end.**

- **Fill with deeds, not words**— events **move quickly.**
  - **"Immediately"** used **39 times**, **"and"** used **1,375 times.... two-thirds verses begin with "and".**
- **No genealogy**, reference to **Law**, Jewish **customs**, few **Old Testament quotes.**

**Mark emphasized Jesus' actions more than teaching. Only 18 of Jesus' 70 parables—some only one sentence.... all four of parables he details about servanthood.**

- **Mark lists 20 of Jesus' 35 miracles.... highest proportion in gospels.**
  - **Miracles illustrate Jesus' power, compassion and proved his authority over creation, sickness, spiritual forces, and death.**

- Mark's point: **Messiah proven not by what said but what He did.** Jesus Christ, **master, and servant of all.... set aside royal robes, tied servant's towel** around waist, **tended to needs** of humankind.

- Jesus' **ultimate act of servanthood: give life as ransom.** Mark 10:45
  - He did **not come to be served, but to serve.**

**Deity serving created being contrary** virtually **all world religions** and **uncomfortable** to natural **mind.**

- **Almost blasphemous to call Jesus our servant....** misunderstand.
  - **Jesus our servant not slave** because **we desperately need a servant.**

**We are slaves to sin, flesh, death and need a servant Messiah to set us free.**

- **Servant Jesus came and gave His life as ransom to redeem us from slavery.**
  - **Jesus Christ death paid sin and penalty, and broke sin and power.** Philippians 2:7-9, 1 Peter 1:18-19
    - **Still serve** Christians by **praying** for us and **empowering holiness.**

**Mark presents Jesus as suffering Servant who came serve and sacrifice for His people.**

- **Jesus calls His people to be like Him: with humility give self in service and love to others.** Mark 10:43-44, 9:35, John.13:12-16,
  - **Struggle** against **sacrificial service: seek own comfort** and interests.

**Jesus today serving us by convicting of sin and empowering us to serve and love others sacrificially without need for recognition or reward, so God glorified.**

- **Jesus Christ came from heaven to serve, returned to heaven to serve!**

**Jesus the servant now highly exalted and serving through us.** Mark 16:15-20,  
Brengle quote

- **Encourage hopeless, proclaim liberty to captives, forgive** in Jesus.
  - **Ask** God for **miracles confirm gospel** and meet needs.
    - We have a **Great God** who **continues to do great things.**
  - **How doing let Jesus serve others through you** in home, job, or school, LEFC?

## **Outline of Mark**

1:1-13 Inauguration of Jesus' ministry

1:14-9:50 Jesus' public ministry in Galilee

10 Jesus' journey to Jerusalem

11-13 Jesus' ministry in Jerusalem

14-15 His suffering and death in Jerusalem

16:1-8 Jesus resurrection

16:6-20 Not in the earliest manuscripts

*Jesus' post-resurrection appearances and great commission*