

# MARK

Mark 1:1 →

## Review: What is a gospel?

Strong's concordance: εὐαγγέλιον; *euaggelion*; 1. (properly) a good message 2. (specially) the good news of redemption through Jesus (i.e., the gospel of Jesus) 3. (also called) the good news

Merriam-Webster: one of the first four New Testament books telling of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ

## Review: Where does Mark take place? (source: visualunit.me)

If you don't have a map in the back of your *ESV Scripture Journal: Mark*, pick one up today.

## Review: What is Mark about?

**Mark** is about the life, death, and resurrection of **Jesus**.

## This week

Our approach each week will be **REAP** (read, explain, apply, personalize). In this series, however, we won't wait to document the 'apply' and 'personalize' until the end of the lesson. As we see them, we'll capture them.

## Read: Mark 1

## Explain: Mark 1:1 →

Bible study is asking and answering questions about the text. Let's ask some questions.

## Are there any literary/structural observations?

**Mark** is a gospel, and gospels are narrative. Narrative doesn't stop to tell us the point, so we'll have to pay attention to what's descriptive and what's prescriptive. Don't overthink it, but don't miss it.

**What are the most repeated words in Mark? (> 10 occurrences in the ESV)**

<b>and</b> (1130)	<b>Jesus</b> (94)	this (47)	began (29)	before (21)	been (17)	chief (14)	teacher (12)
the (841)	when (92)	there (46)	things (29)	some (20)	whoever (17)	day (14)	give (12)
to (537)	be (92)	disciples (46)	asked (28)	kingdom (20)	called (16)	which (13)	am (12)
he (401)	were (87)	by (43)	see (27)	two (20)	Lord (16)	may (13)	where (11)
him (352)	had (87)	has (42)	how (27)	scribes (20)	around (16)	going (13)	dead (11)
of (305)	I (86)	my (41)	about (26)	<b>Peter</b> (19)	truly (16)	over (13)	heart (11)
they (262)	out (86)	say (41)	down (25)	spirit (19)	told (15)	could (13)	himself (11)
you (240)	one (80)	saying (40)	go (24)	sea (19)	<b>James</b> (15)	place (13)	sabbath (11)
them (203)	came (71)	those (39)	<b>John</b> (24)	great (19)	can (15)	an (13)	given (11)
a (177)	all (70)	come (39)	did (24)	know (19)	first (15)	does (13)	make (11)
said (176)	are (70)	into (38)	we (24)	even (18)	priests (15)	teaching (13)	entered (11)
in (161)	do (68)	many (38)	against (23)	mother (18)	other (15)	here (12)	must (11)
for (154)	from (67)	son (36)	then (23)	another (18)	heaven (15)	whom (12)	<b>Jerusalem</b> (11)
it (153)	man (63)	<b>immediately</b> (36)	why (23)	father (18)	because (15)	whole (12)	king (11)
is (149)	what (58)	so (36)	us (23)	days (18)	answered (15)	believe (12)	unclean (11)
his (142)	at (55)	if (34)	these (23)	made (18)	also (15)	Pharisees (12)	done (11)
not (138)	your (55)	away (33)	people (23)	put (18)	twelve (15)	anyone (12)	while (11)
with (136)	have (55)	crowd (33)	let (23)	boat (18)	sent (15)	temple (12)	more (11)
but (128)	as (55)	saw (33)	heard (22)	hand (18)	gave (14)	word (12)	shall (11)
that (126)	no (52)	their (33)	took (22)	eat (17)	among (14)	tell (12)	should (11)
will (121)	went (52)	her (31)	house (22)	enter (17)	way (14)	Galilee (12)	right (11)
was (113)	me (52)	again (31)	after (22)	hands (17)	followed (14)	bread (12)	fell (11)
on (97)	God (50)	she (30)	left (21)	take (17)	would (14)	<b>demons</b> (12)	
who (95)	up (48)	or (29)	now (21)	hear (17)	like (14)	name (12)	

### What do the words mean?

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### John the Baptist Prepares the Way

**1 The beginning** [G746: ἀρχή; **arche**; 1. (properly abstract) a commencement 2. (concretely) chief (in various applications of order, time, place, or rank); occurs in **1:1; 10:6; 13:8; 13:19** **of the gospel** [G2098: εὐαγγέλιον; *euaggelion*; 1. (properly) a good message 2. (specially) the good news of redemption through Jesus (i.e. the gospel of Jesus) 3. (also called) the good news; occurs in **1:1; 1:14; 1:15; 8:35; 10:29; 13:10; 14:9; 16:15** **of Jesus** [G2424: Ἰησοῦς; *Iesous*; 1. Jesus (i.e. Jehoshua), the name of our Lord and two (three) other Israelites; occurs **79** times in **Mark**] **Christ** [G5547: Χριστός; *Christos*; 1. (literally) Anointed 2. (transliterated) "Christ" 3. (properly) the Messiah, the Anointed One of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob 4. (by function) the (kinsman) Redeemer, the Saviour 5. (by identity) Jesus, Yeshua; occurs in **1:1; 8:29; 9:41; 12:35; 13:21; 14:61; 15:32**], **the Son** [G5207: υἱός; *huios*; 1. a "son" (sometimes of animals); occurs 33 times in **Mark**] **of God** [G2316: θεός; *theos*; 1. a deity 2. (figuratively) a magistrate 3. (by Hebraism) very; occurs 42 times in **Mark**].<sup>[a]</sup>

**2 As** [G2531: καθώς; *kathos*; 1. just (or inasmuch) as, that; occurs in **1:2; 4:33; 9:13; 11:6; 14:16; 14:21; 15:8; 16:7**] **it is written** [G1125: γράφω; *grapho*; 3<sup>rd</sup> singular **perfect** indicative passive; 1. to "grave", especially to write 2. (figuratively) to describe; occurs in **1:2; 7:6; 9:12; 9:13; 10:4; 10:5; 11:17; 12:19; 14:21; 14:27**] **in** [G1722: ἐν; *en*; 1. "in," at, (up-)on, by, etc.; occurs 111 times in **Mark**] **Isaiah** [G2268: Ἡσαΐας; *Hesaias*; 1. Hesaias (i.e. Jeshajah), an Israelite; occurs in **1:2; 7:6**] **the prophet** [G4396: προφήτης; *prophetes*; 1. a foreteller ("prophet") 2. (by analogy) an inspired speaker 3. (by extension) a poet; occurs in **1:2; 6:4; 6:15 (2); 8:28; 11:32**],<sup>[b]</sup>

**"Behold** [G2400: ἰδοῦ; *idou*; 2<sup>nd</sup> singular 2<sup>nd</sup> aorist **imperative** middle; 1. (used as imperative) lo!; occurs in **1:2; 4:3; 10:28; 10:33; 13:21; 14:42**], **I send** [G649: ἀποστέλλω; *apostello*; 1<sup>st</sup> singular present indicative active; 1. set apart 2. (by implication) to send out (properly, on a mission); occurs 20 times in **Mark**] **my** [G1473: ἐγώ; *ego*; 1. (emphatically, of the first person) I; occurs 104 times in **Mark**] **messenger** [G32: ἄγγελος; *aggelos*; 1. a messenger 2. (especially) an "angel" of God 3. (of evil, Satan) a demon 4. (by implication) a person carrying forth a message from God, i.e. a servant (a disciple, pastor, elder, prophet, etc.) 5. (also, by implication) a thing or event carrying forth a message from God, i.e. a hardship (pestilence, wind, etc.), or an animal (donkey, locusts, etc.); occurs in **1:2; 1:13; 8:38; 12:25; 13:27; 13:32**] **before** [G4253: πρό; *pro*; 1. "fore", i.e. in front of, prior to 2. (figuratively) superior to; occurs in **1:2**] **your** [G4771: σύ; *su*; 1. thou; occurs 111 times in **Mark**] [G4675: σοῦ; *sou*; 1. of thee, thy; occurs 28 times in **Mark**] **face** [G4383: πρόσωπον; *prosopon*; 1. the front (as being towards view), i.e. the countenance, aspect, appearance, surface 2. (by implication) presence, person; occurs in **1:2; 12:14; 14:65**],

**who** [G3739: ὅς; *hos*; 1. the relatively (sometimes demonstrative) pronoun, who, which, what, that; occurs 68 times in **Mark**] **will prepare** [G2680: κατασκευάζω; *kataskeuazo*; 3<sup>rd</sup> singular future indicative active; 1. to prepare thoroughly 2. (by implication) to construct, **create**; occurs in **1:2**] **your** [G4771: σύ; *su*; 1.

thou; occurs 111 times in **Mark**] [G4675: σοῦ; *sou*; I. of thee, thy; occurs 28 times in **Mark**] **way** [G3598: ὁδός; *hodos*; I. a **road** 2. (by implication) a progress (the route, act or distance) 3. (figuratively) a mode or means; occurs 16 times in **Mark**],

**3 the voice** [G5456: φωνή; *phone*; I. a tone (articulate, bestial or artificial) 2. (by implication) an address (for any purpose), saying or language; occurs in **1:3; 1:11; 1:26; 5:7; 9:7; 15:34; 15:37**] **of one crying** [G994: βοάω; *boao*; masculine singular genitive **present participle active**; I. to cry, i.e. shout (for help or in a tumultuous way); occurs in **1:3; 15:34**] **in** [G1722: ἐν; *en*; I. "in," at, (up-)on, by, etc.; occurs 111 times in **Mark**] **the** [G3588: ὁ; *ho*; I. the; occurs 70 times in **Mark**] **wilderness** [G2048: ἔρημος; *eremos*; I. lonesome 2. (by implication) waste; occurs in **1:3; 1:4; 1:12; 1:13; 1:35; 1:45; 6:31; 6:32; 6:35**]:

**'Prepare'**<sup>[c]</sup> [G2090: ἐτοιμάζω; *hetoimazo*; 2<sup>nd</sup> plural aorist **imperative active**; I. to prepare; occurs in **1:3; 10:40; 14:12; 14:15; 14:16**] **the** [G3588: ὁ; *ho*; I. the; occurs 70 times in **Mark**] **way** [G3598: ὁδός; *hodos*; I. a **road** 2. (by implication) a progress (the route, act or distance) 3. (figuratively) a mode or means; occurs 16 times in **Mark**] **of the** [G3588: ὁ; *ho*; I. the; occurs 70 times in **Mark**] **Lord** [G2962: κύριος; *kurios*; I. supreme in authority 2. (as noun) controller 3. (by implication) Master (as a respectful title); occurs 16 times in **Mark**],

**make** [G4160: ποιέω; *poieo*; 2<sup>nd</sup> plural present **imperative active**; I. to make or do; occurs 45 times in **Mark**] **his** [G846: αὐτός; *autos*; I. self; occurs 449 times in **Mark**] **paths** [G5147: τρίβος; *tribos*; I. a rut or worn track; occurs in **1:3**] **straight** [G2117: εὐθύς; *euthus*; I. straight 2. (literally) level 3. (figuratively) true 4. (adverbially of time) at once; occurs 36 times in **Mark**],”

#### Footnotes:

- Mark 1:1** Some manuscripts omit *the Son of God* [this is a **textual variant**, part of **textual criticism**]
- Mark 1:2** Some manuscripts *in the prophets*
- Mark 1:3** Or *crying: Prepare in the wilderness*

## Apply (What is the point?)

## Personalize (What do we do with that?)

## Our schedule plan

Next week we'll start with **Mark 1:\_\_\_\_\_**, and we'll go until we're finished.

## Homework

1. Pray for help in understanding **Mark**
2. Hear **Mark** multiple times
3. Think about **Mark** often (day and night)
4. Talk with someone (dead or alive) about **Mark**
5. Share your insights about **Mark**
6. Invite a member and a non-member

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