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THE GOSPEL OF MARK

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(Quotes from the English Standard Version)

*And he preached, saying
Mark 1:7*

*Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and
saying Mark 1:14*

*And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.
Mark 16:15*

*And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them
Mark 16:20*

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THE OUTLINE MARKING THE 7 MAIN DIVISIONS OF THE GOSPEL

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The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
Mark 1:1

I. WHO IS THIS WORKING MESSIAH? 1:1-13

A. THE PROPHETIC LINEAGE OF THE MESSIAH 1:2-8

1. Isaiah the prophet wrote about "the Lord of the straight paths" 1:2-3
 - a. Prophetied and sent
 - b. Messenger, preparation and voice - for the Lord and His paths
2. John the Baptist presented "He who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit" 1:4-8
 - a. His ministry, he baptized in the desert and preached the baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins
 - b. The response, all Judea and Jerusalem went out to him
 - c. His clothing was camel's hair and leather belt
 - d. His food was locusts and wild honey
 - e. His preaching:
 - (1) One comes
 - (2) More powerful
 - (3) I am not worthy
 - (4) He will baptize with the Holy Spirit

B. THE DIVINE LINEAGE OF THE MESSIAH 1:9-13

1. The Son of God is approved 1:9-11
 - a. Jesus came from Nazareth
 - b. Baptized by John
 - c. When He emerged from the water:
 - (1) The heavens opened
 - (2) The Spirit descended on Him like a dove
 - (3) A voice came from heaven which said: "You are my Son whom I love; with You I am well pleased."
2. The Son of God was proved 1:12,13
 - a. The Spirit sent out into the wilderness
 - b. In the wilderness 40 days
 - c. Tempted by Satan
 - d. With the wild animals
 - e. Angels served him

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II. WHAT IS THE MESSIAH'S "WORKING PLAN"? 1:14-4:3

A. A KINGDOM 1:14-31

1. Galilee - Jesus preached the kingdom 1:14-15
2. The Sea of Galilee - He called fishermen 1:16-20
3. The synagogue - He taught 21-28
4. The home of Peter's mother-in-law whom he healed 1:29-31

B. A PRIESTHOOD 1:32-2:12

1. The door - the whole town gathered at the door 1:32-34
2. To a solitary place to pray, to other towns to preach 1:35-39
3. A leper cleansed - sacrifice to the priest 1:40-45
4. A paralytic forgiven and healed 2:1-12

C. A BODY/THE MARRIAGE 2:13-3:6

1. The doctor for the sick -not the righteous but sinners 2:13-17
2. The friends of the bridegroom and the bridegroom 2:18-22
3. Hunger and need and the Lord of the Sabbath 2:23-28
4. The shriveled hand healed. A member of the body restored 3:1-6

D. A HOUSEHOLD/A FAMILY 3:7-35

1. The demons cried: You are the Son of God! 3:7-12
2. Jesus chose the twelve, brothers amongst them. Spiritual brothers and natural brothers 3:13-19
3. If a house is divided... Enter into a strong man's house... Blaspheme against the Holy Spirit 3:20-30
4. Whoever does God's will is my brother, sister and mother 3:31-35

E. A FIELD 4:1-34 God's field (1 Corinthians 3:5-9)

1. A farmer went out to sow his seed 4:1-9 Some plant the seed
2. The twelve and the others around Him asked about the parables. He explained the parable of the farmer to them 4:10-25 Some water the seed
3. The seed that grew without the farmer knowing how. The small mustard seed which grew into one of the largest plants 4:26-32 God gives the increase, the harvest
4. Jesus explained everything to His disciples 4:33-34 You are God's field

III. WHERE DOES THE MESSIAH DESIRE TO ESTABLISH HIS KINGDOM? 4:35 - 7:23

A. IN THE UNIVERSE? 4:35-5:43

1. Jesus' power over the elements - He calmed the storm 4:35-41
2. Jesus' power over 1000's of demons - He cast out "Legion" 5:1-20

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3. Jesus' power over sickness and death - healed the woman and raised the daughter of Jairus 5:21-43

B. IN SOCIETY? 6:1-29

1. Hometown - Jesus was rejected in Nazareth 6:1-6
2. Other towns - Jesus warned the disciples of possible rejection 6:7-13
3. The court - John the Baptist was decapitated by King Herod 6:14-29

C. IN THE HEART 6:30-7:23

1. The hard heart - The disciples did not understand the miracle of the 5 loaves for the 5000 6:30-56
2. The heart faraway - The Pharisees taught traditions replacing God's Word 7:1-13
3. The defiled heart - what comes out of a man: evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed ... 7:14-23

IV. WHY DID THE MESSIAH COME? 7:24-9:50

A. THE NEEDY 7:24-8:13

1. Demon possession - the daughter of the Syrophenician woman 7:24-30
2. The sick - A deaf mute healed 7:31-37
3. The hungry - 4000 fed 8:1-10
4. Those who seek signs - the Pharisees will not receive a sign 8:11-13

B. THE CONFUSED 8:14-9:1

1. The disciples and the yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod - The disciples did not understand 8:14-21
2. A blind man partially healed - Afterwards he saw clearly 8:22-26
3. Jesus' identity - Peter's confession 8:27-30
4. An adulterous and sinful generation and the death of Christ - The things of men and the things of God 8:31-9:1

C. THE LIMITED 9:2-29

1. The glory of the transfiguration - Peter, James and John frightened by the glory of Jesus 9:2-8
2. The discussion about rising from the dead - Something beyond their experience 9:9-10
3. Elijah first followed by the sufferings of the Son of Man. The disciples did not understand 9:11-13
4. An unbelieving generation - The demon possessed son - Everything is possible to him who believes 9:14-29

D. THE JUDGED 9:30-50

1. Jesus is to be "condemned" to death and after is to rise from the dead. Jesus is judged for us 9:30-32

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2. Who was the greatest? The first will be the last and he who receives me receives Him who sent me. Judgment on our motives 9:33-37
3. A cup of water in the name of Christ will have its reward 9:38-41
4. Occasions of stumbling and their judgments 9:42-50

V. WHEN WILL THE MESSIAH ESTABLISH HIS KINGDOM? 10:1 - 13:37

A. FROM MOSES TO THE PRESENT OR FROM THE BEGINNING OF CREATION TO THE COMING AGE? 10:1-31

1. Crowds of people came to Jesus and He taught them 10:1
2. Pharisees tested Jesus with a question on divorce - "At the beginning of creation God made them male and female" It is God's plan 10:2-12
3. Jesus blessed the children - We are to receive the kingdom of God as children 10:13-16
4. The rich man went away sad - Jesus or riches? 10:17-22
5. The disciples asked, "Who can be saved?" With God all things are possible. They had left all and followed Jesus - In this life they will receive 100 times more with persecution and in the age to come eternal life 10:23-3

"BUT MANY WHO ARE FIRST WILL BE LAST AND THE LAST FIRST."

B. THE WAY UP TO JERUSALEM - LESSONS ON SPIRITUAL TIMING 10:32-11:11

1. The Son of Man is to suffer and die in Jerusalem, but three days later he will rise from the dead 10:32-34
2. The request of James and John was to sit in glory on His right and left. Jesus' answer - The cup (suffering) I drink, you will drink 10:35-40

Acts 9:31 It was prophesied that Paul will suffer in his ministry
3. The 10 were angry with James and John - Whoever wants to be great must be your servant and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all 10:41-45
4. The crowd; Jesus, the Son of David; and blind Bartimaeus. Popularity and obscurity 10:46-52

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5. Jesus entered into Jerusalem to shouts of "Hosanna!" and "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord and the coming kingdom of our father David!" Humility and exaltation 11:1-11
- C. HARVEST TIME IN VINEYARD AND TEMPLE 11:12-12:12
1. The cursing of the fig tree and the season for figs (fruit) - A lesson for the disciples 11:12-14
 2. Jesus purified the temple - A house of prayer for all the nations 11:15-19
 3. The fig tree withered from the roots- Prayer, faith in God and forgiving those who offend you 11:20-26
 4. The religious leaders asked a question. The authority of Jesus and the baptism of John - from heaven or from men? 11:27-33
 5. The son, who is heir of the vineyard, went to gather its fruit and was killed. The owner destroyed the tenants and gave his vineyard to others 12:1-12
- D. QUESTIONS ABOUT THE "HERE AND NOW" AND THE "THEN AND THERE" 12:13-13:2
1. The Pharisees and Herodians asked about the tribute to Caesar. Whose image is it...? Give to Caesar and to God. We owe God our very lives for His image is in us since creation. It is not a matter of, or God, or Caesar, but both 12:13-17
 2. The Sadducees, who said there is no resurrection, asked him a question about it. Jesus answered: In the resurrection they will not marry but be like the angels. The God of the living will do this. It is not a matter of one state or the other. On earth people will marry and in heaven they will not 12:18-27
 3. A scribe asked Him about the greatest command of all. God is one. Love Him with all and love your neighbor as yourself. This is more than all sacrifices. Jesus told him he was not far from the kingdom of God. It is not, either God or neighbor, but both 12:28-32
 4. Jesus taught in the temple and added His question: How can the Christ be both David's son and His Lord? The Christ is neither just man nor only God but both 12:35-40

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- a) He added a warning against the scribes because they liked flowing robes, greetings in the market place, the important seats in the synagogues, the places of honor at banquets, devouring widows' houses and making a show by lengthy prayers
- b) He also added that they would receive the greater condemnation

5. Jesus surveyed temple life 12:41-13:2

- a) He commended the contribution of the poor widow to the temple treasury. The rich put in much but she put in all she had, all her living
- b) When a disciple called his attention to the buildings of the temple he prophesied the destruction of it all, even to the tearing down of each stone

E. "WHEN WILL THESE THINGS TAKE PLACE?" 13:3-36

- 1. Jesus spoke with 4 disciples on the Mount of Olives, in opposite the temple. When they asked about the times and signs He responded: 13:3-13
 - a) "Watch out that no one deceives you"
 - (1) for many will say they are the Christ
 - (2) do not be alarmed with rumors of wars and earthquakes;
 - (3) these are the beginning of birth pangs
 - b) "You must be on your guard"
 - (1) for you will be persecuted
 - (2) The gospel will first be preached to all nations and
 - (3) the Holy Spirit will give you words when you are on trial
 - (4) Everyone will hate you because of Me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved
- 2. "But when you see the abomination that causes desolation" 13:14-23
 - a. prophesied by Daniel
 - b. Flee!
 - c. They will be days of great tribulation, unequalled from the beginning since the creation of the world
 - d. The days are shortened for the chosen
 - e. Miracle working false messiahs will try to deceive the chosen
 - f. Be on guard; I have told you everything ahead of time
- 3. "Following that distress" 13:24-27
 - a. "The heavenly bodies will be shaken."

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- b. Men will see the Son of Man come in the clouds with great power and glory
 - c. He will gather his chosen from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens
4. When you see the twigs get tender and the leaves come out on the fig tree summer is near 13:28-31
- a. This generation will certainly not pass away until all these things take place
 - b. Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will never pass away
5. "You do not know when that time will come." 13:32-37
- a. Only the Father knows the day and hour. Acts 1:7 states, "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by His own authority."
 - b. Be on guard, be alert and pray
 - c. It is like a man who turns his house over to servants and tells the door keeper to watch
 - d. "...keep watch, for you do not know when the owner of the house will come back...do not let him find you sleeping."
A word for all: Watch!

VI. HOW IS THE MESSIAH GOING TO ESTABLISH HIS KINGDOM? 14:1-16:8

- A. JESUS WAS CHOSEN AS THE VICTIM DURING THE PREPARATION OF THE PASSOVER. From the day he entered Jerusalem until the night he celebrated the Passover with his disciples, he was amongst the people 14:1-16
- 1. The plot of the priests and teachers of the Law 14:1-2
 - 2. Anointed for His burial by a woman 14:3-9
 - 3. The treachery of Judas Iscariot 14:10-11
 - 4. The upper room where He would eat the Passover 14:12-16
- B. JESUS CELEBRATED THE PASSOVER WITH THE TWELVE AND ESTABLISHED HIS COVENANT WITH THEM. From the Passover supper until he was arrested he was with his disciples 14:17-42
- 1. The traitor at the supper was one of the twelve 14:17-21
 - 2. The bread and the cup are his body and blood of the new covenant 14:22-26
 - a. Poured out for many
 - b. The fruit of the vine only to be drunk again with Jesus anew in the kingdom of God

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3. Jesus announced that they would all fall away and that Peter would deny him 14:26-31
 4. Jesus prayed in Gethsemane 14:32-42
 - a. Jesus experienced the anguish of death
 - b. Jesus, in His prayer, asked for that hour and cup, metaphors of suffering and death, to be taken from Him, but above all He sought the will of the Father
 - c. Jesus rebuked the disciples for not praying. They are to watch and pray in order not to fall into temptation
 - d. The hour had come and the Son of Man was to be betrayed into the hands of sinners
- C. "THE ACCUSED AND THE WITNESSES". JESUS WAS CONDEMNED BY THE JEWISH RELIGIOUS LEADERS DURING THE NIGHT OF THE PASSOVER. From his arrest until he was turned over to Pilate he was in the hands of the Jews 14:43-72
1. "The silent witnesses." Judas and a crowd from the chief priests took Jesus and arrested Him 14:43-50
 2. "The absent witness." A young man fled naked leaving behind his linen garment 14:51-52
 3. "The false witnesses." The Sanhedrin condemned Jesus 14:53-65
 - a. They brought in false witnesses who did not agree in their testimony
 - b. When they asked him if he were the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One, he said, yes, he was
 - c. Jesus announced to them that they would see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the power of God and coming in the clouds
 - d. They condemned Jesus for blaspheme and worthy of death
 4. "The witness who denied being one". Peter denied Jesus 14:66-72
 - a. Peter denied he knew Jesus
 - b. Peter denied, calling down curses on himself
 - c. When the cock crew he remembered the words of Jesus and wept
- D. JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED BY THE ROMANS DURING THE PASSOVER From the moment he was turned over to Pilate until he was crucified he was in the hands of the Romans 15:1-28
1. "Are you the king of the Jews?" The chief priests accused Jesus before Pilate 15:1-5
 - a. Pilate asked Jesus if He were the King of the Jews

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- b. The chief priests accused Him of many things but Jesus did not respond
 - c. Pilate sentenced Jesus to die 15:6-15
 2. "Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?" Pilate asked the crowd if they would have him release to them Barrabas or the King of the Jews. Pilate knew of their envy
 - a. The crowds stirred up by the priests called for Jesus' crucifixion
 - b. Pilate then asked what He had done wrong, but they continued to demand His crucifixion
 - c. Pilate, wanting to satisfy the crowd, handed Jesus over to be crucified
 3. "Hail, king of the Jews!" The Roman soldiers mocked the King of the Jews 15:16-20
 - a. They put a robe on Him, a crown of thorns, hailed Him as a king; hit Him on the head, spit on Him, and on their knees paid homage to Him
 - b. They put His own clothes back on Him and led Him out to be crucified
 4. "The written notice of the charge against Him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS." They crucified the King of the Jews 15:21-28
 - a. Simon of Cyrene carried His cross
 - b. They took Him to Golgotha
 - c. They offered Him wine mingled with myrrh
 - d. They divided his clothing amongst themselves
 - e. It was the third hour when they crucified Him
 - f. The charge against Him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS
 - g. They crucified two robbers with Him
- E. JESUS WAS RESURRECTED FROM THE DEAD AFTER THE PASSOVER. WOULD JESUS DESCEND FROM THE CROSS OR ASCEND FROM THE TOMB? From the cross where he hung to the resurrection from the tomb Jesus was in the hands of God 15:29-16:8
1. The Christ, the King of Israel, was challenged to come down from the cross, so that they may see and believe 15:29-32
 - a. They hurled insults at Him. You who would destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in 3 days. Save yourself and come down from the cross
 - b. The priests and teachers of the Law said that he saved others but could not save Himself

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2. Would Elijah take Him down? Jesus was forsaken by God and breathes His last 15:33-41
 - a. There was darkness from the sixth hour, noon, until the ninth, three in the afternoon
 - b. "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" Would Elijah take Him down?
 - c. Jesus breathed His last and the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom
 - d. When the centurion saw how He died he said, "...He was the Son of God."
 - e. There were also some women looking on who had followed and served Him

3. Jesus was taken down from the cross and buried by Joseph of Arimathea 15:42-47
 - a. Joseph asked for the body of Jesus
 - b. Pilate was surprised that He was already dead
 - c. Joseph wrapped the body in a linen sheet and placed it in a tomb carved in a rock and rolled a stone over the entrance

4. Jesus rose from the dead the first day of the week 16:1-8
 - a. When Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of James and Salome, came to anoint His body with spices they were surprised to see the huge stone in the entrance of the tomb removed
 - b. A young man clothed in a long white garment, sitting in the tomb, told them not to be alarmed for Jesus had risen and would go before His disciples into Galilee to see them there

VII. WHO WILL CARRY ON THE WORK OF THE MESSIAH? 16:9-20 Those who believe He rose from the dead will be the ones who carry on His work

- A. Jesus appeared to Maria Magdalene. She told those who had been with Him but they did not believe 16:9-11

- B. Jesus appeared to two others as they were walking in the country 16:12-13

- C. Finally Jesus appeared to the eleven 16:14-18
 1. He reproached them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those that had seen Him after He had risen. They had not believed the testimony of others
 2. "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."
 3. Those who believe and are baptized will be saved and those who do not believe will be condemned
 4. The signs following those who believed

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- D. The Lord helped them in their preaching 16:19-20
 - 1. The Lord was taken up into heaven and sat at the right hand of God
 - 2. They went out preaching and the Lord worked with them, confirming the word with signs