

A Journey Through Mark

Chapters 3 and 4

Outline of Mark

- I. Introduction to Jesus and His Galilean Ministry (1:1-8:26)
- II. From Galilee to Jerusalem: The Path to Suffering (8:27-10:52)
- III. Jerusalem: The Passion and Empty Tomb (11:1-16:8)

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6:1-8:26	<p>Jesus confronts misunderstanding among his disciples and mounting opposition from others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "And they took offense at him..." (6:3) // "...for they had not understood..." (6:52) "...you hypocrites..." (7:6) // "Are you so dull?" (7:18) "To test him..." (8:11) // "Do you still not understand?" (8:21) <p><i>Conclusion: the healing of a blind man illustrates the need of confused disciples for a "second touch" from Jesus (8:22-26)</i></p>
8:27-10:52	<p>Jesus challenges his disciples' misunderstandings by teaching about his suffering, death, and resurrection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First prediction (8:31), leading to Satanic misunderstanding Second prediction (9:31), leading to fear and self-exaltation Third prediction (10:33-34), leading to requests for glory <p><i>Conclusion: the healing of a blind man illustrates how confidence in Jesus' mercy can overcome pressure to remain silent (10:46-52)</i></p>
11:1-13:37	<p>Jesus confronts his enemies through words and deeds in—and against—the Temple</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "...a den of robbers." (11:17) "...the fig tree you cursed..." (11:21) "Not one stone will be left on another." (13:2)
14:1-15:47	<p>Jesus goes to his death, confirming his identity as the Son of God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Abba, Father" (14:36) "Are you the Son of the Blessed one?" (14:61) "Surely this man was God's Son!" (15:39)
16:1-8	Epilogue: God announces the good news of Jesus' resurrection—but his followers remain silent

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3 Observations from Chapters 3-4

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(1) Jesus Elicits Response From All He Encounters

- Remember, Mark's aim is to answer the question, "Who is Jesus?"
- Consequently, the question becomes, "Will I believe who Jesus says He is?"

(2) Jesus Employs the Use of Parables

“The parable is a metaphor or simile drawn from nature or common life, arresting the hearer by its vividness or strangeness, and leaving the mind in sufficient doubt about its precise application to tease it into active thought.”

- C.H. Dodd

- Connection back to Isaiah 6:9-10

(3) Jesus Exhibits Lordship Over the Created World

- The human body
- Spiritual realm
- Creation/Nature