

A Journey Through Mark

Chapters 9 and 10

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)

*Adapted from The Story Retold p.71

Chapter(s)	Description/Highlights
1:1-13	Prologue: God announces the good news of the Messiah's coming
1:14-5:43	<p>Jesus announces the good news of the kingdom's coming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiating conflict with spiritual opponents (1:14-39) Initiating conflict with human opponents (1:40-3:35) Announcing the kingdom with powerful words (4:1-34) Announcing the kingdom with powerful deeds (4:35-5:43) <p><i>Conclusion: The raising of a dead girl illustrates the power of Jesus for those overwhelmed by fear (5:35-43)</i></p>
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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Themes: Who is Jesus? The Messianic Secret

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

Mark 1:34 And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

Mark 1:45 “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go to the priest...”

- Disciples’ misunderstanding
 - Miracles of Jesus misinterpreted
 - Identity of Jesus misunderstood
- Minor characters’ understanding
 - “I believe, help my unbelief” (9:24)
 - Peter’s confession vs. the Centurion’s confession
- Interpreting Mark through the cross
- Open-ended close of the Gospel

Themes: Messianic Secret

Exaltation

Jewish Messianic
Expectation

Humiliation

Jesus exceeds expectations in both exaltation and humility

Themes: Messianic Secret

“The question of “who is he?” becomes increasingly urgent. The entire Gospel of Mark will answer this question by testifying to the following:

- (1) Jesus represents the coming Yahweh, according to Isaiah 40:3
- (2) He is the messianic Lord of David (*Mark 12:35–37; Ps. 110:1, 5*)
- (3) He is the majestic and messianic Son of Man (*Mark 8:38; 14:62; Dan. 7:13*)
- (4) As the Son of Man, he is also the suffering servant of Isaiah 53:1–12 (*Mark 10:45; 14:22–25*)
- (5) He is God, who forgives sins (*2:7; Neh. 9:17; Isa. 43:25; Ps. 103:2–3; 130:4; Jer. 31:34; Dan. 9:9*)
- (6) He is the eternal Son of God (*Mark 1:11; 9:2–8; 12:1–12; Psalm 2*).

Hans F. Bayer, “Mark,” in Gospel Transformation Bible: English Standard Version, ed. Bryan Chapell and Dane Ortlund (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2013), 1320.

3 Observations from Chapters 9-10

- (1) Jesus sets his eyes toward the cross**
- (2) Continued observations re: Kingdom**
- (3) Jesus' definition of greatness**

(1) Jesus Sets His Eyes on the Cross

- Mark 8:31 – 9:1
- Mark 9:30-32
- Mark 10:32-34

(2) Continued Observations re: Kingdom

- The Transfiguration (9:2-13)
- A Topsy-turvey Kingdom
- Service and Sacrifice

(3) Jesus' Definition of Greatness

- The deity of Christ
- First/Last
- Death/Resurrection