

The Gospel of Mark

Chapters 7-8

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Audience

- o Romans; things that are of Jewish tradition are explained
- o Speed is attractive to the Romans: Jesus as a doer

Style

- o Mark is graphic/detailed/ - even in their emotions: "Jesus' family wondered if he was insane" It's raw...
- o The word "again" happens in Mark 15x

Pace

- o Super quick, action-oriented
- o Repetitive for understanding

Themes

- o Who is Jesus? - Christology
- o Mark 1:1 - The beginning of "the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God"

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Pharisees:

- o Until the Greeks, whenever the Israelites were in captivity, the capturing nation thought is wise to allow the countries they captured to remain autonomous, but serve/and fight for them.
- o The Greeks were first who didn't want to only capture them, but wanted to also make them "Greek". This is called Hellenization.

- o The Maccabean revolt began when a Hellenistic Jew tried to make a blasphemous sacrifice on an altar and was killed by Mattathias. This is the tradition the pharisees were born out of... a tradition that said, "we will obey God, and stick to the scriptures no matter what!".

Chapter 7-8 Summary

A theme of unbelief and those who cannot see, being made to see. Jesus, several times, teaches a specific truth and then does something miraculous as a "physical parable" of types. In Mark, there is a common theme of the disciples not understanding Jesus that is particularly present in chapter 7-8. Chapter 8 concludes with a turn towards Jerusalem and Jesus predicting his death and resurrection, which Peter clearly doesn't understand yet.

Mark 7:1-13

Mark 8: 14-26
