

## Theme: The Gospel of Mark

### Introduction:

The four Gospels

Matthew – Jews – Jesus is the Messiah King, who fulfilled the Old Testament prophecy.

Mark – Romans – Jesus is the suffering servant who actively ministers on our behalf and gives His life as a ransom for many.

Luke – Greeks – Jesus is the perfect Son of Man who came to save and minister through the power of the Holy Spirit.

John – World – Jesus is fully human, fully divine Son of God in whom we must believe to receive eternal life.

### Why Mark?

- Shortest – it is the most concise Gospel.
- Mark is a man on a mission-his goal was to prove to a Roman audience that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God who served, suffered, died, and rose again as the Suffering Servant of the Lord depicted by the prophet Isaiah. (Isaiah 52:13–53:12.)
- He was all about the action.

### Background:

Author: John Mark

Fun fact: They never mention

him by name in the Gospel. It is likely that John Mark may be the naked boy of Mark 14:51–52.

### Truths:

God keeps His promises.

God uses people.

Review: Ephesians 6:10-11 leave a few blanks

Passage: Mark 1:1-8

Title: Prepare The Way

Main Text:

God keeps His promises.

God sends a witness.

Mark 1:1

God kept his promise to send the Messiah.

“The Gospel of Jesus Christ”

- Mark wastes no time
- The theme of the book is the good news of Jesus
- Gospel = Good News

Mark chooses this as the message of his life’s work. (What would your message be?)

Mark 1:2-3

God kept his promise to send a forerunner.

Mark gives us a 2 for 1 prophecy:

-He combines multiple texts.

(a common practice in that day)

- Malachi 3:1 “see I’m going to send my messenger”
- Isaiah 40:3 “a voice of one crying out...)

John the Baptist

- Comes in the spirit of Elijah
- Cries out in the wilderness
- Prepares the way for the Lord

What are God’s promises for us?

God sends witnesses.

John Mark-wrote as an eyewitness and companion of Peter.

Isaiah-wrote about John and Jesus over 600 years before they were born.

John the Baptist-John had to come before Jesus

- To fulfill prophecy
- To fulfill custom
- To prepare their hearts

Each man was a different kind of witness

- Eyewitness (heard, saw, wrote)
- Prophet (foresaw, wrote)
- Participant (faithfully fulfilled his role)

How can God use you as a witness?

**Take Aways:**

God wants to use you to prepare the hearts of others to receive the message of the Gospel.