

Detailed Survey of Mark

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Chapter One

- 1-3 title and Old Testament quotations
- 4-8 John's baptism (much briefer than in parallels)
- 9-11 Baptism of Jesus ("heavens split open")
- 12-13 Temptation ("drives" stronger term; "Satan" vs. "the devil"; "with wild beasts")
- 14-15 Preaching after John's imprisonment
- 16-20 Call of four fishermen (Mark alone mentions "hired servants")
- 21-28 Exorcism in synagogue
- 29-31 Mother-in-law healed
- 32-34 Sunset healings ("whole city was gathered at the door" unique to Mark)
- 35-39 Jesus rises early (Mark says "hunted Him down")
- 40-45 Leper cleansed (strong aorist: "gripped with compassion")

Chapter Two

- 1-12 Paralytic healed (w. 2,4 are unique to Mark; as are "carried by four men" and Latin word for "bed"—originally Roman soldier's bedroll)
- 13-17 Call of Levi (called "Matthew" in Matt., but "Levi" here and in Luke)
- 18-22 Why not fast? (v. 18 — "were fasting" unique to Mark)
- 23-28 Sabbath grainfield controversy

Chapter Three

- 1-5 Sabbath withered hand controversy (v.5 uniquely mentions Jesus' "anger")
- 6 Pharisees and Herodians plot against Him
- 7-12 Teaching and healing (w.8-11 mostly unique to Mark—less detail in Matt. Parallel)
- 13-19 Choosing the twelve (Mark mentions the two-fold purpose in w. 14f)
- 20-21 Family plot (unique to Mark, explains w.31-35)
- 22-30 Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit (v.30 is unique to Mark)
- 31-35 Mother and brothers identified (v. 34a—"looking round on them.. .about Him" unique)

Chapter Four

- 1 -20 Parable of sower
- 21-25 Light under a basket, use same measure
- 26-29 Seed growing by itself (only parable unique to Mark)
- 30-32 Parable of mustard seed
- 33-34 “but privately to his disciples he expounded all things” (unique to Mark)
- 35-41 Stilling a storm (v.3 8 “in the stern, asleep on the cushion” unique to Mark)

Chapter Five

- 1-20 Man of the tombs (325 words in Mark, to Matthew’s 136 words, w.3-5 more vivid)
- 21-43 Issue of blood & Jairus’ daughter (374 words to Matthew’s 135; w. 29b-30 unique. “*Talitha cumi,*” and translation, are unique to Mark)

Chapter Six

- 1-6 Rejected in home town (v.5 “could not” and v.6 “he marveled...” unique to Mark)
- 7-13 Sending out the twelve (v.7 “by two and two” unique to Mark)
- 14-29 Herod called “the king” (not “tetrarch” as in Matt & Luke) reflects Roman usage. Vv. 17, 19-20 are unique to Mark.
- 30-44 Feeding 5000 (w. 31 & 34b are unique to Mark)
- 45-52 Walking on water (v.52 is unique to Mark)
- 53-56 Gennesaret (much more vivid than parallel in Matthew 14:34-36)

Chapter Seven

- 1 -23 True defilement and traditions of men
 - Mark alone describes the Jewish custom (vv.3-4); the Aramaic “*Corban*” and translation (v.11); “making all meats clean” (v.19); lists thirteen sins (w.21-22) to Matthew’s seven.
- 24-30 Syro-Phoenician woman (v.24b “He entered into a house.. .could not be hid” unique)
- 31-37 Deaf-mute healed (one of two miracles unique to Mark [also 8:22-26]; both use spittle and both involve Christ taking the patient aside from the crowd. The Aramaic *Ephphratha*, and its translation, are typical of Mark)

Chapter Eight

- 1-9 Feeding of 4000 (parallel only in Matt.)
- 10-12 Dalmanutha = Magadan (Matt. 15:39) “sighed deeply in his spirit”—v. 12
- 13-21 Got bread?(Mark alone tells amount of bread on hand—v. 14)
- 22-26 Two-stage healing of blind man (one of two miracles unique to Mark [cf., 7:31-37])
- 27-38 Caesarea Philippi (first prediction of the passion)

Chapter Nine

- 1 Belongs to previous chapter, as in Matt. And Luke)
- 2-8 Transfiguration
- 9-13 Elijah discussion
- 14-29 Demonized boy
- 30-32 Second prediction of passion
- 33-37 Who is the greatest? (w.33-34 are unique to Mark)
- 38-41 Exorcists who don't “follow us” (v.41 is unique to Mark)
- 42-50 Self-mutilation, if necessary (quotes from Isa.66:24 and salt sayings are unique to Mark)

Chapter Ten

- 1-12 Divorce question (Mark adds “and if she divorces her husband...” a Roman concession)
- 13-16 Permit the children to come (Mk: “took them.. .blessed them”; Matt. “laid hands on”)
- 17-31 Rich ruler— “ran & kneeled” (v.17); “loved him”(v.21); disciples “astonished” (v.24)
- 32-34 Third prediction of passion (v.32—“Jesus going before.. .afraid” unique to Mark)
- 35-45 Zebedee's sons' modest proposal
- 46-52 Bartimaeus (Aramaic with translation; “casting away garment, sprang up”; w.49b-50)

Chapter Eleven

- 1-11 The Triumphal entry
- 12-14 Fig tree cursed
- 15-19 Cleansing of the temple
- 20-26 Shriveled fig tree discovered and discussed (w.24-25 are unique to Mark)
- 27-33 Question of authority: Jesus' and John's

Chapter Twelve

1-12 Parable of evil vineyard tenants

13-17 Paying tribute to Caesar

18-27 The Sadducees' question

28-34 The great commandment(s) (vv.32-34 are unique to Mark)

35-37 Whose son is Messiah?

38-40 Beware of hypocritical Pharisees

41-44 Widow's two mites (Mark gives the Roman equivalent—*quadrans*)

Chapter Thirteen

1-2 Prediction

3-4 Disciples' question

5-8 Beginning of sorrows

9-13 Endurance and preaching thru persecution

14-18 Signal for flight

19-20 Intensity of tribulation

21 -23 Beware false alarms

24-27 After the tribulation

28-31 Fig tree generation

32-37 Watch for the unexpected coming

Chapter Fourteen

1 -2 Plot of chief priests and scribes

3-9 Anointing at Bethany (placed same place in Matt., but earlier in John 12)

10-11 Judas' plot with priests

12-25 The Last Supper (v.13, "two disciples"=Peter and John (Luke 22:8))

26-31 Prediction of Peter's denials

32-42 Prayer at Gethsemane

43-52 Arrest of Jesus (w.51-52 unique mention of "young man")

53-72 Trial before Sanhedrin (v.59 is unique to Mark)

Chapter Fifteen

1-15 Before Pilate (vv.7b-8 are unique to Mark)

16-20 With the soldiers

21-41 Crucifixion (v.25 mentions “the third hour”)

42-47 Burial (v.42 mentions the day of the week/ 44-45a mentions Pilate’s amazement)

Chapter Sixteen

1 Mentions Salome—Matt. Mentions only two Marys