

A TIME OF REFLECTION

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John Mark had a curious life. Probably very young during Jesus' ministry, he began recording what Peter told him. Later he went on a missionary trip with Paul and Barnabas, but left partway through after a dispute with Paul. He attached himself to Peter and began to write what we know as the 2nd Gospel, the Book of Mark. His record of Jesus' life is shorter than the other three, leaving some to think he wasn't experienced or intelligent enough to write well. Some have thought that he simply copied from Matthew and Luke, and shortened up the narrative.

That is not likely since it seems that Mark may have been the first of the four put to pen. The shortening of Mark fits with his audience. Peter was preaching in Rome, and that is to whom Mark points his writing. The Romans did not care about genealogy; they wanted action. So that is what Mark gave them. He uses the word "immediately" forty times!

Mark has three main divisions:

1. Chapters. 1-8a: Galilee – *"Who is Jesus?"*
2. Chapters. 8b-10: Jesus' travels – *"What does it mean for Jesus to be the Messiah?"*
3. Chapters. 11-16: Jerusalem – *"How Jesus becomes King"*

Then he ends almost abruptly, as if he's saying, *"I've showed you who Jesus is, how people reacted to Him and His ultimate coronation through crucifixion and resurrection. What do you think?"* In spite of the discussion whether 16:9-20 was added later, Mark's Gospel is very well written. 2,000 years later, we still find Jesus in Mark's record. It is Mark who give us the best of the four Great Commissions in 16:15-18:

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Welcome!

April 7th, 2024



"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."

SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM
Unity in Prayer & Youth: 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM; Kid's Club
Prayer ½ hour before services

MY MATCHLESS JESUS

TEXT: Mark 4:35-41

I. MATCHLESS AS TO HIS _____

Jesus Christ stands _____! 1 Samuel 9:2

A. Another Jesus is not _____. Deuteronomy 31:6; Hebrews 13:5

B. “_____ in earth is this?” Isaiah’s 9:6; Zechariah 13:1; Malachi 4:2; Revelation 1:8; Philippians 2:9-11; Ephesians 4:8-10

II. MATCHLESS AS TO HIS _____ – Mark 4:41; 2:12; Matthew 11:12

A. _____ John 3:3

B. _____ Revelation 2:4:

C. _____ Isaiah 43:1-2

D. _____

_____ in God and His Word is of utmost _____ for our daily living. Mark 2:5

Jesus didn’t want him to just walk here on _____, but made plans for him to walk on streets of gold in _____. Mark 2:8-12

By Jesus’ _____ He could say, “rise, pick up your bed, and go home”, no _____ involved, but to say, “your sins are forgiven”, requires _____, the death of a cross.

“You have laid there in your _____, now rise up in the _____ of God!” Isaiah 25:9

Man is _____ to God in the body and _____ of Jesus Christ!

Who can satisfy the _____ and justice of God giving man access into the very presence of God so he or she can live _____ from sin and death.

III. MATCHLESS AS TO HIS _____ – John 7:46; Matthew 11:28; John 3:16-17; 6:37; 14:12-14; 16:23

All are _____ by Jesus. John 6:35; 8:12; 10:14-17; 11:12-26; 14:6



Wednesday Bible Study – we continue our new study, “The Great Disappearance” – Rapture of the church, taken from Dr. David Jeremiah’s study. We have student study guides available for \$10 each. Please see the Pastor for more details.

Flagging Class – suspended until further notice.

Women’s Annual Spring Event – April 27th, for more information please see Caroline Zeyak. There is a signup sheet on the table in the foyer.

Iron Sharpens Iron 2024 – May 18th, call all men to please put this on your calendar and plan to attend. More information to follow. There are postcards on the table in the foyer. Take all you need and let’s recruit men to go with us to this event.

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