

# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK

## OUTLINE

### → Prologue (1:1~13)

- A. Title (1:1)
- B. Appearance of John the Baptizer (1:2~8)
- C. Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan (1:9~11)
- D. The Temptation in the Wilderness (1:12~13)

### I. The Mystery of the Messiah (1:14~8:26[27~30])

- A. Jesus and the crowds (1:14~3:6)
  - 1. Summary statement: Jesus' preaching (1:14~15)
  - 2. Comment about disciples: call of disciples (1:16~20)
  - 3. Narrative about Jesus' activity: authority (over disease, forces of nature, demons, death) demonstrated through teaching and performing miracles (1:21~3:5)
  - 4. Reaction statement: opposition of Pharisees (3:6)
- B. Jesus and His own (3:7~6:6a)
  - 1. Summary statement: Jesus' miracles (3:7~12)
  - 2. Comment about disciples: establishment of the Twelve (3:13~19a)
  - 3. Narrative about Jesus' activity: more teaching and performing miracles (3:19b~5:43)
  - 4. Reaction statement: rejection by townspeople (6:1~6a)
- C. Jesus and His disciples (6:6b~8:33)
  - 1. Summary statement: Jesus' outreach (6:6b)
  - 2. Comment about disciples: mission charge (6:7~13,30)
  - 3. Narrative about Jesus' activity: more teaching and performing miracles—this time involving Gentiles (6:14~8:13)
  - 4. Reaction statement: blindness of disciples (8:14~21)
  - 5. Appendix: blind man of Bethsaida (8:22~26)

### → Transition/Pivot/ Hinge (conclusion of Part 1 and introduction to Part 2): Peter's Profession (8:27~30)

- A. Jesus' two critical questions
  - 1. "Who do men say that I am?"
  - 2. "Who do you say that I am?"
- B. The disciples' response
  - 1. People call Jesus a prophet
  - 2. Peter confesses, "You are the Christ!"  
Note: Mark emphasizes that Jesus conceals His Messiahship from outsiders but instructs disciples as to its true nature.

### II. The Mystery of the Son of Man (8:[27~30]31~16:8)

- A. The way of the Son of Man (8:31~10:52)
  - 1. First prediction and sequel (8:31~9:29)
    - a) Prediction (8:31~32a)
    - b) Confusion: protestation (8:32b~33)
    - c) Clarification: meaning of self-denial (8:34~9:1)
    - d) Complement: transfiguration and healing of epileptic (9:2~29)

2. Second prediction and sequel (9:30~10:32)
    - a) Prediction (9:30~31)
    - b) Confusion: bewilderment (9:32~34)
    - c) Clarification: meaning of servanthood (9:35~37)
    - d) Complement: teachings (9:38~10:31)
  3. Third prediction and sequel (10:32~52)
    - a) Prediction (10:32~34)
    - b) Confusion: acquiescence (10:34)
    - c) Clarification: meaning of greatness (10:35~45)
    - d) Complement: healing of blind Bartimaeus (10:46~52)
- B. Jesus in Jerusalem (11:1~13:37)
1. Self-revelation of Messiahship: Palm Sunday (11:1~10)
  2. Confrontation and judgment (11:11~12:40)
  3. Appendix: widow's two coins (12:41~44)
  4. Eschatological discourse (13:1~37)
- C. The Passion and Resurrection (14:1~16:8)
1. Conflict due to Jesus' announcement of the Messianic Age (14:1~42)
    - a) Jesus anointed at Bethany and betrayal Judas (14:1~11)
    - b) The Passover and Jesus' prediction of betrayal and denial (14:12~31)
    - c) Jesus' praying at Gethsemane and the reaction of disciples (14:32~41)
  2. The full and ultimate revelation of Jesus as the Messiah, the suffering Son of God (14:42~16:8)
    - a) The arrest, followed by the interrogation by the high priest and Jesus' response (14:61~62)
    - b) Jesus before Pilate, highlighted by his questioning and Jesus' response (15:2)
    - c) The crucifixion and the admission of the centurion, a Gentile (15:39)

Note: The cross is Jesus' coronation; the resurrection, the Father's affirmation.

➔ **The Endings of the Gospel**

- A. Canonical Ending (16:9~20)
- B. Shorter Ending (one verse after verse 8)
- C. Freer Logion (another passage after verse 8)
- D. Ending with Verse 8

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