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## Study Outline

### Background: Historical & Authorship

Mark (*John Mark*) grew up as a follower of Jesus. His mother Mary was an early disciple of Christ and a pillar of the early church. His uncle was Barnabas (*Acts 4:36*) and Mark was included in the first of Paul's missionary journeys (*Acts 12:25*). Though he fell out of favor with Paul, later in life he became a trusted friend of the Apostle (*1 Timothy 4:11*). He's also referred to as the "spiritual son" of Peter (*Colossians 4:10, 1 Peter 5:13*). And many believe his Gospel to be Peter's record of Jesus' life.

**Main Point:** As the shortest Gospel, Mark wrote with a rapid, energetic style unlike his contemporaries (the connective word "and" is used 1331 times). Focusing more on Jesus' deeds than words, as predicted in Isaiah 42, Mark presents Jesus to a predominately Roman culture in servitude as God's ultimate servant. (25% of the Roman Empire was comprised of slaves.) As one commentator stated concerning Mark's account, "Jesus lays aside the regal robes of kingship and girds Himself with the towel of servitude. Jesus is not adorned with words and narrative, but He is stripped and girded for action." Mark presents Jesus as the model of our service.

**Key Verse:** Mark 10:45, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

## OUTLINE: GOSPEL OF MARK

### THE SERVANT'S PREPARATION

CH 1:1-8	INTRODUCTION: JOHN PREPARES THE WAY
CH 1:9-11	IDENTIFICATION: FATHER CONFIRMS THE SON
CH 1:12-13	INITIATION: JESUS PREPARED FOR MINISTRY

### THE SERVANT'S GALILEAN MINISTRY

CH 1:14-5:43	PERIOD OF POPULARITY: ZENITH OF MINISTRY
CH 6:1-9:32	PERIOD OF OPPOSITION & WITHDRAWAL
CH 9:33-50	PERIOD OF COMPLETION: FINISHING HIS WORK

### THE SERVANT'S JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM

CH 10	EVENTS ON THE JOURNEY
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### THE SERVANT'S MINISTRY IN JERUSALEM

CH 11-12	JESUS' PUBLIC TEACHING MINISTRY IN JERUSALEM
CH 13:1-14:42	JESUS' PRIVATE TEACHING MINISTRY WITH THE DISCIPLES

### THE SERVANT'S ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

CH 14:43-15:47	JESUS' ARREST, TRIAL, SUFFERING, AND CRUCIFIXION
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### THE SERVANT'S LASTING VICTORY

CH 16	JESUS' RESURRECTION, MINISTRY, COMMISSION, AND ASCENSION
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