

- Summary
  - 1:2-6:6 - Galilean ministry
  - 6:7-8:38 - Traveling ministry
  - 9:1-13 - Transfiguration
  - 9:14-10:52 - To Jerusalem
  - 11:1-13:37 - Entering Jerusalem & its judgment
  - 14:1-16:20 - Passion Weekend
- John Mark
  - John Mark is similar to Saul/Paul in that he has a Jewish and a Roman name.
  - Linked with Peter in scripture & tradition
  - Traditionally connected author
  - In the Bible-
    - Son of a Mary, who hosted christians (Acts 12:12)
    - Cousin of Barnabas (Colossians 4:10)
    - Original companion of Paul & Barnabas (Acts 12:25, 13:5)
    - Leaves them midway (Acts 13:13)
    - Continues with Barnabas later (Acts 15:37)
    - Seemingly reconciles with Paul (2 Tim 4:11, Philemon v23-24)
    - "Son" of Peter (1 Peter 5:13)
    - Maybe, probably not, the boy in following in Gethsemane (Mark 14:51-52)
  - Alexandria, Egypt bishop, D. 68 AD
- Synoptic Gospels
  - What we call Matthew, Mark, Luke
  - **NOT** the Gnostic gospels
  - All events and teachings in Mark can be found in Matthew and Luke
  - M & M Timing
  - Luke-Acts Evidences
- Dating
  - Early
    - Pre 70 AD
    - 61% of modern scholars go Pre 70
    - Three Key Reasons
      - Tradition / Church Fathers
      - Luke-Acts Temple Argument
      - Peter & Paul died in the early-mid 60's
  - Late
    - Post 70 AD
    - Many believe 70-80 AD
    - Three Key Reasons
      - Prophecy isn't real, temple had to be down
      - Church fathers were liars
      - Mark is just a second century forgery

- Audience
  - Explains Hebrew world in a unique way
  - De-emphasis on past scripture
  - Latinisms
  - Broad in detail
- Controversies
  - Which ending is correct?
    - There is good early manuscript evidence along with testimony of early church fathers that the long ending is credible.
  - I heard there was a missing portion found in the 1950's by a scholar?
    - Morton Smith of Columbia claimed to have found a missing portion of Mark in 1958. The broad consensus among christian and secular scholars is that Smith created a fake.
  - Can I handle snakes or drink poison (Mark 16:18)?
    - Please don't! (Matthew 4:7) (Acts 28:3-6)
  - Acts of Barnabas?
    - Does not pop up til the mid 400's, obviously a gnostic gospel that tries to use Mark's importance.