

Outline of Mark

Prologue: The beginning of the good news (1:1–13)

Part I: “Who is this man?” (1:1–8:26)

- A. Proclamation of the kingdom with deeds of power (1:14–6:32)
 - The call of the disciples and Jesus’ mighty deeds (1:14–45)
 - Controversies with the religious authorities (2:1–3:6)
 - A new Israel and a new family of God (3:7–35)
 - Parables of the kingdom (4:1–34)
 - Jesus’ authority over all that threatens us (4:35–5:43)
 - Unbelief at Nazareth (6:1–6)
 - The mission of the Twelve (6:7–32)
- B. Understanding the bread (6:33–8:26)
 - Bread miracle, sea miracle, hardened hearts, healings (6:33–56)
 - The new law of the gospel (7:1–23)
 - An exorcism and a healing of Gentiles (7:24–37)
 - Bread miracle, sea crossing, hardened hearts (8:1–21)
 - Gradual healing of a blind man (8:22–26)

Hinge: Peter’s confession of faith: “You are the Messiah!” (8:27–30)

Part II: Revelation of the suffering and glorious Messiah (8:31–16:20)

- A. On the way of discipleship (8:31–10:52)
 - First passion prediction, inept response, teaching on discipleship (8:31–9:1)
 - Transfiguration and an exorcism (9:2–29)
 - Second passion prediction, inept response, teaching on discipleship (9:30–10:31)
 - Third passion prediction, inept response, teaching on discipleship (10:32–45)
 - Instantaneous healing of a blind man (10:46–52)
- B. The Lord comes to his temple (11:1–13:37)
 - Jesus’ triumphal entry and cleansing of the temple (11:1–26)
 - Controversies establishing the basis for Jesus’ authority (11:27–12:44)
 - End times discourse (13:1–37)
- C. Passion, death, and resurrection (14:1–16:20)
 - A woman’s anointing; Judas’s betrayal (14:1–11)
 - The Last Supper (14:12–31)
 - Agony, arrest, and desertion in Gethsemane (14:32–52)
 - Trials before Jewish and Gentile rulers (14:53–15:15)
 - Crucifixion, death, and burial: “Truly this man was the Son of God!” (15:16–47)
 - The empty tomb (16:1–8)
 - The Longer Ending (16:9–20)