



BOOK XLI | NEW TESTAMENT | GOSPEL

The Gospel of Mark

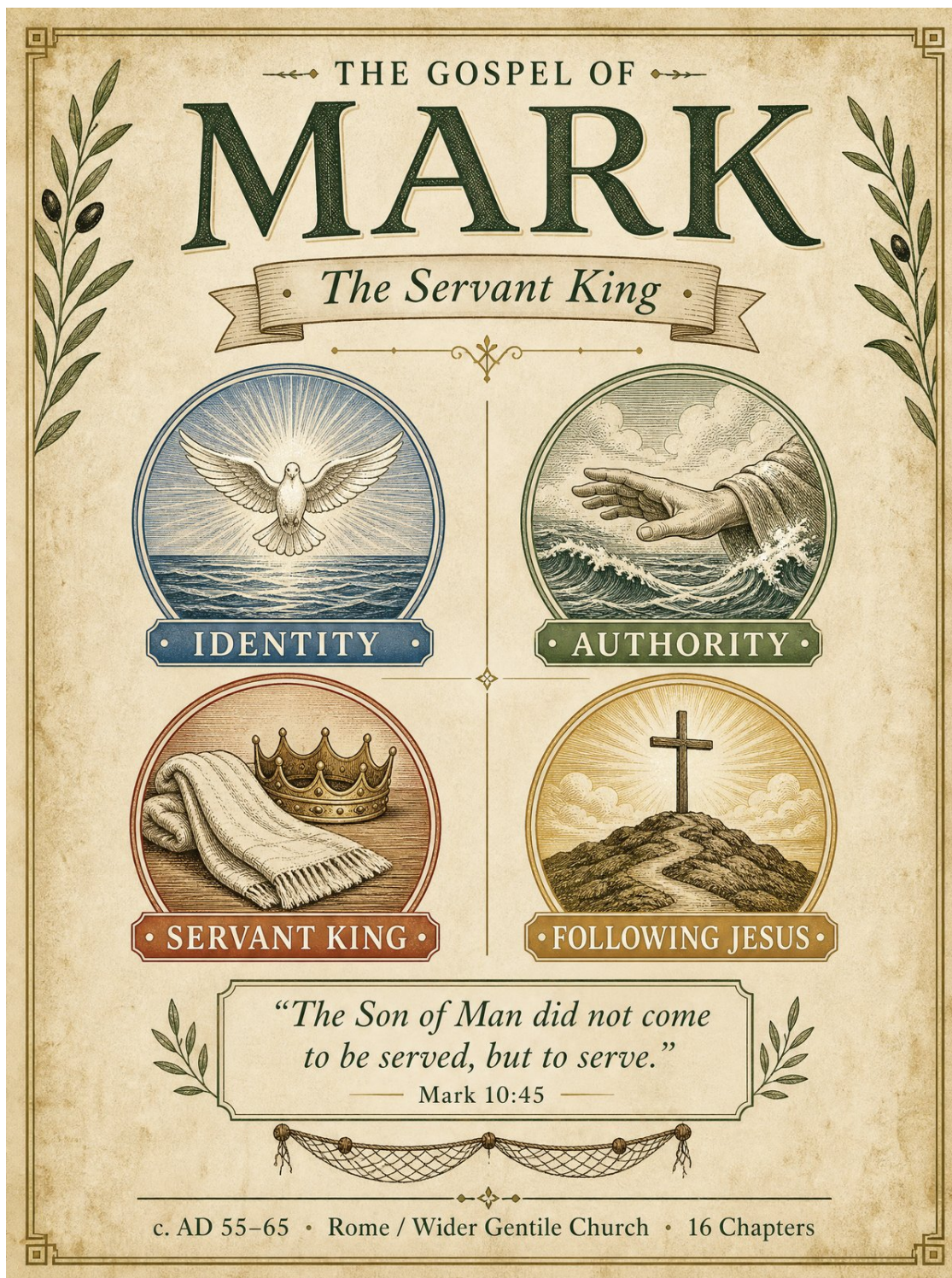
The Servant King - Authority - Following

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.

- Mark 10:45

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Full-page visual overview - story movements, themes, symbols, characters, and application.

Follow the narrative in its own sequence. Each row names a passage movement and its contribution to the books larger witness.

SECTION 1 | Mark 1-5 THE KINGDOM ARRIVES

1:1-15

PASSAGE MOVEMENT

Mark opens with good news: Jesus is baptized, tested, and announces that Gods kingdom has come near.

1:16-45

PASSAGE MOVEMENT

Jesus calls disciples, teaches with authority, heals, and confronts evil. Authority is joined to compassion.

2:1-3:35

PASSAGE MOVEMENT

Forgiveness, meals with sinners, and Sabbath conflict reveal a kingdom that challenges religious status.

4:1-5:43

PASSAGE MOVEMENT

Parables, a storm, a demonized man, a suffering woman, and a dying child press one question: who is this?

SECTION 2 | Mark 6-8 BREAD, BLINDNESS, AND IDENTITY

6:1-29

PASSAGE MOVEMENT

Rejection at Nazareth and the death of John expose the cost around Jesus mission.

6:30-56

PASSAGE MOVEMENT

Jesus feeds the crowd and walks on the sea. Abundant bread meets frightened disciples.

7:1-8:21

PASSAGE MOVEMENT

Jesus confronts empty tradition, welcomes outsiders, and feeds another crowd while disciples struggle to see.

8:22-38

PASSAGE MOVEMENT

A blind man is healed in stages. Peter confesses Jesus, then hears that the Messiah must suffer.

SECTION 3 | Mark 9-10

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

9:1-29	PASSAGE MOVEMENT	The transfiguration reveals glory, then Jesus meets human need at the foot of the mountain.
9:30-50	PASSAGE MOVEMENT	Jesus teaches that greatness is received through humility, welcome, and service.
10:1-31	PASSAGE MOVEMENT	Questions about marriage, children, wealth, and the kingdom expose the limits of self-reliance.
10:32-52	PASSAGE MOVEMENT	Jesus predicts his death and defines his mission as service. Blind Bartimaeus sees and follows.

SECTION 4 | Mark 11-16

THE CRUCIFIED AND RISEN KING

11:1-33	PASSAGE MOVEMENT	Jesus enters Jerusalem, confronts corrupt worship, and teaches with contested authority.
12:1-44	PASSAGE MOVEMENT	Debates reveal the greatest command: love God and neighbor with the whole self.
13:1-37	PASSAGE MOVEMENT	Jesus calls disciples to watchfulness and endurance amid turmoil.
14:1-16:8	PASSAGE MOVEMENT	At Passover, Gethsemane, trial, cross, and tomb, the servant king gives his life and is announced as risen.

01 JESUS TRUE IDENTITY

Mark lets authority, mercy, suffering, and resurrection answer the central question of who Jesus is.

MODERN APPLICATION Read one scene and ask what it reveals about Jesus rather than only what it asks of you.

Mark 1:1

02 THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Healing, forgiveness, parables, and welcome show Gods reign arriving in merciful, disruptive ways.

MODERN APPLICATION Notice where kingdom values challenge status, fear, or exclusion.

Mark 1:15

03 THE SERVANT KING

Jesus authority is expressed through self-giving service, not domination.

MODERN APPLICATION Choose one hidden act of service where recognition is not the goal.

Mark 10:45

04 FOLLOWING THROUGH THE CROSS

Discipleship moves beyond admiration into trust, humility, and costly love.

MODERN APPLICATION Name one place where following Jesus may require a smaller self.

Mark 8:34

OPEN HEAVENS

SYMBOL 01

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

At baptism the heavens open and the beloved Son is announced.

THEOLOGICAL MEANING

The opening scene frames Jesus mission as Gods initiative and beloved-son calling.

Mark 1:10-11

BOAT AND SEA

SYMBOL 02

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Storms and crossings repeatedly expose fear.

THEOLOGICAL MEANING

Jesus authority over chaos invites trust when disciples cannot control the outcome.

Mark 4:35-41

BREAD IN THE WILDERNESS

SYMBOL 01

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

The feeding stories provide abundance in deserted places.

THEOLOGICAL MEANING

Bread becomes a test of whether disciples can see generous kingdom provision.

Mark 6:30-44

TORN CURTAIN

SYMBOL 02

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

At Jesus death the temple curtain is torn.

THEOLOGICAL MEANING

The cross becomes decisive revelation of the Son and a new horizon of access.

Mark 15:37-39

ICEBREAKER

If you could ask Jesus one question after reading Mark, what would it be?

Leader's Note: Invite concrete observation before moving to response.

01

OBSERVATION

What do you notice about Jesus authority in Mark 1?

Leader's Note: Invite concrete observation before moving to response.

02

OBSERVATION

How do the disciples respond in storm scenes?

Leader's Note: Invite concrete observation before moving to response.

03

INTERPRETATION

Why does Mark place Peter's confession near the first prediction of suffering?

Leader's Note: Invite concrete observation before moving to response.

04

INTERPRETATION

What does Mark 10:45 redefine about greatness?

Leader's Note: Invite concrete observation before moving to response.

05

APPLICATION

Where are you tempted to seek status rather than service?

Leader's Note: Invite concrete observation before moving to response.

06

APPLICATION

How does the torn curtain reshape access to God?

Leader's Note: Invite concrete observation before moving to response.

07

PRAYER PROMPT

Pray for courage to follow the servant king this week.

Leader's Note: Invite concrete observation before moving to response.

08

Jesus

The Messiah and Son of God whose authority is revealed in service.

Peter

A leading disciple whose confession and failure mirror learning to follow.

The Twelve

Followers invited to exchange status and fear for trust.

Women at the Tomb

Witnesses who receive the first announcement of resurrection.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - LIVING IT OUT TODAY



Read one scene and ask what it reveals about Jesus rather than only what it asks of you.



Notice where kingdom values challenge status, fear, or exclusion.



Choose one hidden act of service where recognition is not the goal.

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