

What's your enemy? What habit, what sin, what fear plagues you, saps your courage and energy? What has you beaten down, enslaved? Whatever it is, it cannot withstand the authority of Jesus. When you give these battles to him, the complexion of the war changes — the enemy is on the run. When you stand close to Jesus, these enemies can't have the last word and can't push you around. When your attention is on Jesus, they don't seem so fearsome, so strong, because Jesus puts them into perspective as the puny weaklings they really are. In Jesus, you are bold and strong, and these bullying, fast-talking fears and sinful habits are weak and insignificant.

**TAKEAWAY**

**Discussion Questions—Mark 1:21-28**

1. Why were those at the synagogue amazed at Jesus' teaching?
2. How did the evil spirits know that Jesus was the Son of God?
3. Why did the evil spirits have to obey Jesus?
4. How does Jesus' authority affect your faith as a Christian?

ANSWERS: (1) teaches; (2) unclear; (3) rebukes

**SERMON SERIES: GOSPEL OF MARK**

Pastor Harry Jones  
 Sunday, March 17, 2024



**Key memory verse: Mark 10:45 (ESV)**  
*For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many"*

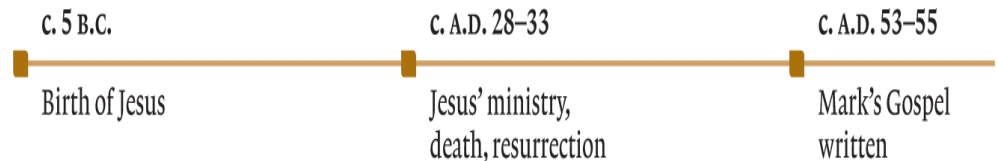
Week 6: The Inauguration of Jesus' Ministry (Mark 1:14-20)

Week 7: A Father's Love for His Son (Mark 1:9-11)

Week 8: The testing of Jesus, the Son of God (Mark 1:12-13)

Week 9: Jesus, the Son of God, Teaches with Authority (Mark 1:21-22)

**Week 10: The Buzz About Jesus (Mark 1:21-28)**



**Outline**

The Presentation of the servant	The servant's ministry in Galilee	The servant's journey to Jerusalem	The servant's ministry in Jerusalem
Mark 1:1-13	Mark 1:14-9:50	Mark 10	Mark 11-16

# Sermon Notes

## AUTHOR, DATE, AND RECIPIENTS

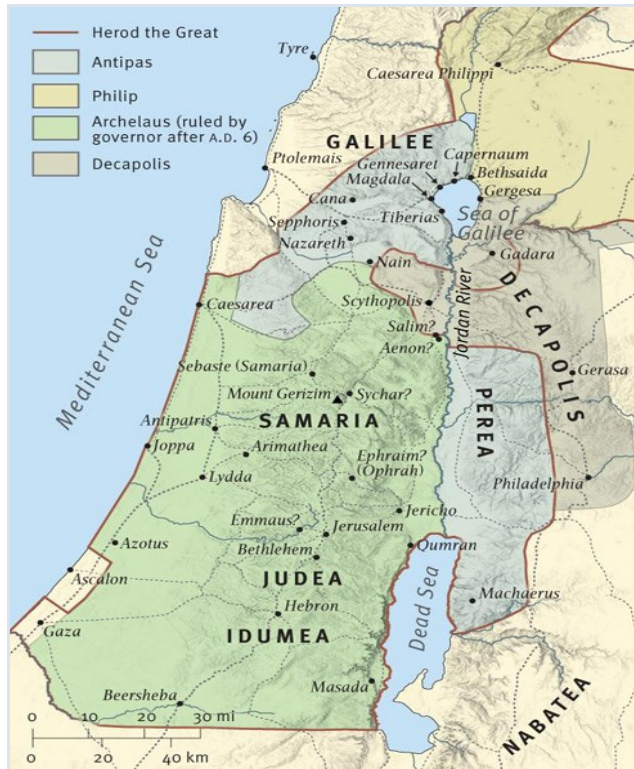
The apostle Peter passed on reports of the words and deeds of Jesus to his attendant, John Mark, who wrote this Gospel for the wider church as the record of Peter's apostolic testimony. The book was likely written from Rome during the mid- to late-50s A.D. (though the mid- or late-60s is also possible). Mark's audience, largely unfamiliar with Jewish customs, needed to become familiar with such customs in order to understand the coming of Jesus as the culmination of God's work with Israel and the entire world, so Mark explains them.

## PURPOSE AND THEME

The ultimate purpose and theme of Mark's Gospel is to present and defend Jesus' universal call to discipleship. Mark returns often to this theme, categorizing his main audience as either followers or opponents of Jesus. Mark presents and supports this call to discipleship by narrating the identity and teaching of Jesus. For Mark, discipleship is essentially a relationship with Jesus, not merely following a certain code of conduct. Fellowship with Jesus marks the heart of the disciple's life, and this fellowship includes trusting Jesus, confessing him, observing his conduct, following his teaching, and being shaped by a relationship with him. Discipleship also means being prepared to face the kind of rejection that Jesus faced.

## THE SETTING OF MARK

The events in the book of Mark take place almost entirely within Palestine, from Caesarea Philippi in the north to Beersheba in the south. During this time Palestine was ruled by the Roman Empire. The book opens with Jesus' baptism by John during the rule of Pontius Pilate and the tetrarchs Antipas and Philip. It closes with Jesus' death and resurrection about three years later.



- 1) Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ in the synagogue
- 2) An outburst from an \_\_\_\_\_ spirit.
- 3) Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the spirit and gains great acclaim.