

## **THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK: THE POWERFUL ONE**

1. Please read pages 123-135 and 142-146 in *Introducing The New Testament*. Please also read Mark 1:1-8:26.
  
2. According to our authors (pages 142-146),
  - Who wrote the Gospel of Mark?
  - According to tradition, what apostolic authority did Mark depend on for his gospel?
  - What is the date of the Gospel of Mark?
  - What sort of audience does the narrative imply?
  
3. Why did Mark choose to communicate the life of Jesus in the form of a biographical narrative? What three advantages are gained by this form of writing?
  
4. What is the main melody and counter melodies in the Gospel of Mark, according to our authors?
  
5. Carefully study Mark 1:1-15 and please answer the following questions:
  - Where do these events take place? Why?
  - How does Mark differentiate between Jesus and John?
  - Exactly what does Jesus preach?
  
6. Please read 3:11-12; 1:44; 5:43; 7:36; 7:24; 10:1 and answer the following questions:
  - Why is this secrecy motif important for Mark?
  - When is the secret revealed (Mark 15:37-39)? By whom?

7. Read Mark 1:16-8:26. How is God present in power in Jesus? Is Jesus well received?

8. Please read 8:22-26.

- Why the two stage healing process?
- How does this healing transition the reader to a suffering Messiah?