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The Gospel of Mark: Son of God, Servant of All
"The Story Behind *The Story*"
Mark 1:1

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The Uniqueness of the Gospel of Mark …

1. The Backstory of the Gospel of Mark.

- The first and, therefore, oldest of the Gospels.
- "_____ _____." We call Matthew, Mark, and Luke the Synoptic Gospels.
- Written in _____, AD 64-68:
    - To encourage the persecuted church.
    - The Apostle Peter dictated much of the information that Mark would use.
    - Further evidence of Mark's location in Rome is due to the frequent use of Latin phrases.
    - He wrote primarily Gentile audience, because of his location.
- Mark's Gospel (Good News) draws more attention to issues pertaining to persecution, to the cost of discipleship, and to possible martyrdom.

2. The Main Story of Mark's Gospel. *(1:1)*

a. This story is about _____ …

- Action packed words: *"immediately," "straightway"; "and"*
- Mark gives short stories, often packaged together.
- Mark is the "Go Gospel"—the Gospel of the Servant-Savior, and moves quickly through stories to get to the main event – the cross work of Christ at Calvary.

b. This story is about seeking _____ to questions … over 100!

These questions engage us, get us to think, and show the brilliance of Jesus's answers!

c. **Most importantly, this story is about Good News *(1:1)*** …

- Mark's is the only account to use the word "gospel" in the opening introduction.
- This story is about …
    - Jesus … *"Jehovah saves"* … The _____ One … He shall save His people from their sins.
    - Christ … *"Messiah"* … The _____ One … He will rescue you.
    - Son of God … The _____ One … He is sovereign over all.
- This story is about the Son of Man … He _____ with you … 13X in Mark. Cf. Mark 8:31 Jesus as the Son of Man does what only God can do:
    - He forgives sins. *Mark 2:5-10*
    - He rules over the Sabbath. *Mark 2:28*
    - He promises that He will judge the world. *Mark 8:38; 13:26*
    - He came as a servant to pay the ransom for our bondage of sin. *Mark 10:45*

3. Your Own Personal Story.

Significantly, this story is about you and me …

- Mark features only one hero:
- Everyone else in the story are anything but heroic:
- The "Son of Man," came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for us.
- Where do _____ fit in the story?
- Jesus is truly, "The Son of God, and Servant of All!"

Like Mark did in writing to the discouraged and challenged culture in which he lived, are you willing to tell the action packed, life changing and eternally altering story of "Jesus Christ, the Son of God?"