

CEC Bible Study: The Gospel according to Mark

Session 1: Overview of Mark's Gospel

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Group Introductions

- Name
- What's something that is undeniably good that happened to you in the last year?
or: What is one thing you did last year that you are especially proud of?

Opening Question: What is your experience with Mark's gospel?

- Open discussion.

Introducing the Gospel of Mark

- What?
 - What is a "gospel"?
 - What does Mark's gospel have to do with the other three?
- Who?
 - Who wrote the Gospel according to Mark?
- When?
 - When was the Gospel according to Mark written?
- Where?
 - Where was the Gospel according to Mark written?
- Why?
 - Why did Mark write a gospel?

Getting Our Feet Wet: Beginning, Middle, and End

- [Mark 1:1ff.](#)
 - No birth narrative?
 - What can Mark's intro tell us about the rest of the gospel?
- [Mark 5:1–20](#) — Jesus's divine identity and its political repercussions
- [Mark 16:1–8\(ff.\)](#)
 - No post-resurrection appearance?
- The peculiarities of Mark's gospel set the stage for how later gospel writers chose to represent the Jesus tradition.
 - Ex: [Luke 1:1-4](#)