



## The Book of Mark Introduction

Once again before we get started here this morning I would like to just say thank you for joining us this morning as we begin to open the book of Mark and become familiar with the writings of the apostle Mark who is also sometimes known as John Mark in the Bible which we will get to a little bit later on.

The apostle Mark is a very interesting character in the Bible, and I would contend that what we think we may know about Mark historically may or may not be completely true and accurate. (scrn 1)

### Historical Depictions of The Apostle Mark:



The fact is that when we begin to study the apostle Mark much of what we know about him has literally been hijacked by Roman Catholicism who has literally painted Mark as a winged lion, and who venerate Mark with its own festival on April 25th according to the Julian calendar which aligns with May 8th on the Gregorian calendar which once again is all too confusing.

The Roman Catholic Church has always been the devil's church and because it is the devil's church is full of hypocrisy and it is also the King of confusion and chaos. And when it comes to the apostle Mark, the Roman Catholic Church has done well in keeping with its tradition of chaos and confusion and its deep dark web of deception.

They've even gone so far as to split the apostle Mark into two separate entities: John Mark being one entity and Mark the evangelist being another whole separate entity. But I would submit to you that we can skip the confusion of Roman Catholicism when it comes to the apostle Mark because it really has nothing to do with the book of Mark and who Mark truly was and what he wrote about here in the book of Mark.

According to some of the earliest assemblies John Mark was the first bishop of Alexandria and the first person to establish a Christian assembly in Africa.

Mark's name first appears in Acts chapter 12 verse 12 when Peter escapes from prison and makes his way back to the apostles who were at the house of John Mark's mother Mary. And many biblical scholars believe that Mark was much like Luke in the fact that he was not an apostle per say but was a disciple who recorded much of Peter's account of Yeshua in the book of Mark.

And what's also interesting is that it is widely believed that the book of Mark is the first gospel to have ever been written.

The very name John Mark is somewhat puzzling because the Bible never actually refers to anyone named “John Mark” but several passages in the book of Acts do refer to a man as John who is also called Mark. The apostle Paul refers to a man by the name of Mark as the cousin of Barnabas in Colossians chapter 4 verse 10 and many people believe that this is a reference to John Mark.

What’s also interesting to make note of here is that Mark never really includes himself in the narrative the way that Matthew does. And so Mark has a rather unique writing style that does indeed differ somewhat from the writings of Matthew and the other writers of the New Testament.

And so, when it comes to Mark in the New Testament the Bible really doesn’t give us a lot of details about Mark’s life. There are a few facts that we can glean from the Scripture concerning Mark and there are a plethora of conflicting accounts from the early church concerning Mark thanks to Roman Catholicism but in the end the fact is that we are left to a lot of speculation concerning exactly who Mark was and this is why we must be careful to correctly weigh what we hear about Mark from so many conflicting historians and scholars today.

Something else interesting to make note of is that the name “John” was the most common Hebrew name back in that day. But the name “Mark” was the most commonly used Roman name in that day. But we shouldn’t be confused or surprised by this because it was very common for someone to go by both a Hebrew name and a Roman name. Even the apostle Paul was originally called “Saul”, and then later on called “Paul”. And because Mark had the two most common names of his time it certainly could be a mistake for us to assume that every time someone named Mark is referenced in the Bible that its talking about this Mark that authored the book of Mark.

We must remember that these names are often times used interchangeably as all Hebrew and Greek names were. Clearly there is a

difference from John the Baptist and John the apostle. There were also two different apostles with the name “Judas”. One is referred to as Judas Iscariot and the other is referred to as Judas the son of James in Luke chapter 6 verse 16 not to mention the numerous Mary’s and the many different James who are all mentioned within the confines of our God breathed Scripture.

And therefore, when Peter mentions his son Mark in first Peter chapter 5 verse 13 Peter is clearly pointing to a very specific Mark. And what’s interesting as that Peter does not call Mark “John Mark” as some often do. Alternatively, the apostle Paul mentions Mark with literally no effort to distinguish who it is that he’s referring at all to in places like second Timothy chapter 4 verse 11 or Philemon verse 24.

What we do know is that Mark is first mentioned in Acts chapter 12 verse 12 where Luke uses him to distinguish which Mary that he is referring to. Let’s take a look at that in **Acts chapter 12 verses 11 and 12 (scrn 2)**

**Act 12:11** When Peter came to himself, he said, “Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.”

**Act 12:12** When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying.



Since this particular Mary was a homeowner with at least one servant according to Acts chapter 12 verse 13 and Christians were gathering together in her home it is often times speculated that this particular Mary who was the mother of Mark was a very wealthy and reputable woman. And according to the Yale Bible dictionary this particular Mary likely played an essential role in the early Christian assemblies and her status led to numerous speculations about John Mark and his family. But we won't get into all that because once again that is simply speculation and can't actually be established by our God breathed Scripture.

And so, I bring these things to your attention so that you will know that the so-called "early church fathers" have a plethora of ideas hardly any of which agree with one another concerning who Mark actually was. And therefore, it's important that we stick to the Scripture and what we know about Mark from the Scripture and the Scripture alone so that we are not led down into the weeds of deception and confusion and chaos by the wisdom of men who are once again... generally speculating what they think that they know within the confines of their own writings.

And so, you've got men who have been bestowed upon them the title of an "early church father" like Eusebius or Hippolytus, or Papias, who have all wrote extensively about who they thought Mark was. But I would submit to you, that the true identity of Mark can only be found within the pages of our God breathed Scripture, and we should base what we know about Mark on these scriptures and on these scriptures alone.

The disciple Mark was much like the disciple Luke who is not specifically an apostle per say that was personally chosen by Yeshua. Let's take a quick look at the 12 names of the original 12 apostles. (**scrn 3**)

## The 12 Apostles

1. Peter
2. Andrew
3. James (son of Zebedee)
4. John
5. Philip
6. Bartholomew
7. Thomas
8. Matthew
9. James (son of Alphaeus)
10. Thaddeus
11. Simon
12. Judas



Notice that we do not see either Mark or Luke in the list of the 12 apostles that were personally selected by our Messiah. However... this does not make their account of the events that took place during the time of the apostles any less credible. In fact... the writings of men like Mark and Luke become extremely valuable because these were people just like you and I who were traveling along with the apostles and were eyewitnesses to a lot of these events that they were writing about and documenting. And the events that they write about that they did not witness firsthand were indeed given to them firsthand by the apostles themselves who were indeed there.

And therefore, the writings of these men become even more valuable because they were innocent bystanders that were recording and keeping track of everything that was going on during the ministry of our Messiah and his 12 apostles.

And therefore, the book of Luke and the book of Mark become extremely important to have within the confines of our God breathed Scripture because these men provide a testimony to what is true and

factual according to people who were alive and witnessing and recording these biblical events so that we today would have them to look back on in order to know exactly what took place and just as importantly what did not take place.

Which leads us into the context of the writings of the book of Mark. Why did Mark even bother to write this book? Mark himself was a true evangelist. The book of Mark was likely written during Marks time in Rome during the mid-to late fifties A.D. that is after the death of our Messiah and what's interesting to understand here is that Mark's audience was largely unfamiliar with Jewish customs and traditions because they were Gentiles, or they were Jews who had forgotten their own heritage over time. And so we'll see Mark attempting to re-establish the Jewish connection between our Messiah and his followers.

And so as we venture into the book of Mark, we will indeed find that it's important to Mark to familiarize the Gentiles with the customs of the Jewish people and the Old Testament so that they would be able to understand the coming of Yeshua as the culmination of Yehovah God's work with Israel and the entire world.

As we read through the book of Mark, we will find that the ultimate purpose and theme of Mark's gospel is the universal call to discipleship. Mark once again continuously stresses the importance of discipleship by literally narrating the Jewish identity and the teachings of our Messiah Yeshua (Jesus in the Greek).

Mark is clearly concerned with stressing how important it is to follow our Messiah and our Messiah's teaching and he stresses how important it is for us as modern-day Christians to be shaped by our relationship with our Messiah. And yet... Mark also warns his readers to be prepared to face the same kind of rejection that Yeshua himself had faced.

And therefore, as we read through the writings of Mark, it's important to remember that Mark is writing about what he himself knew to be the

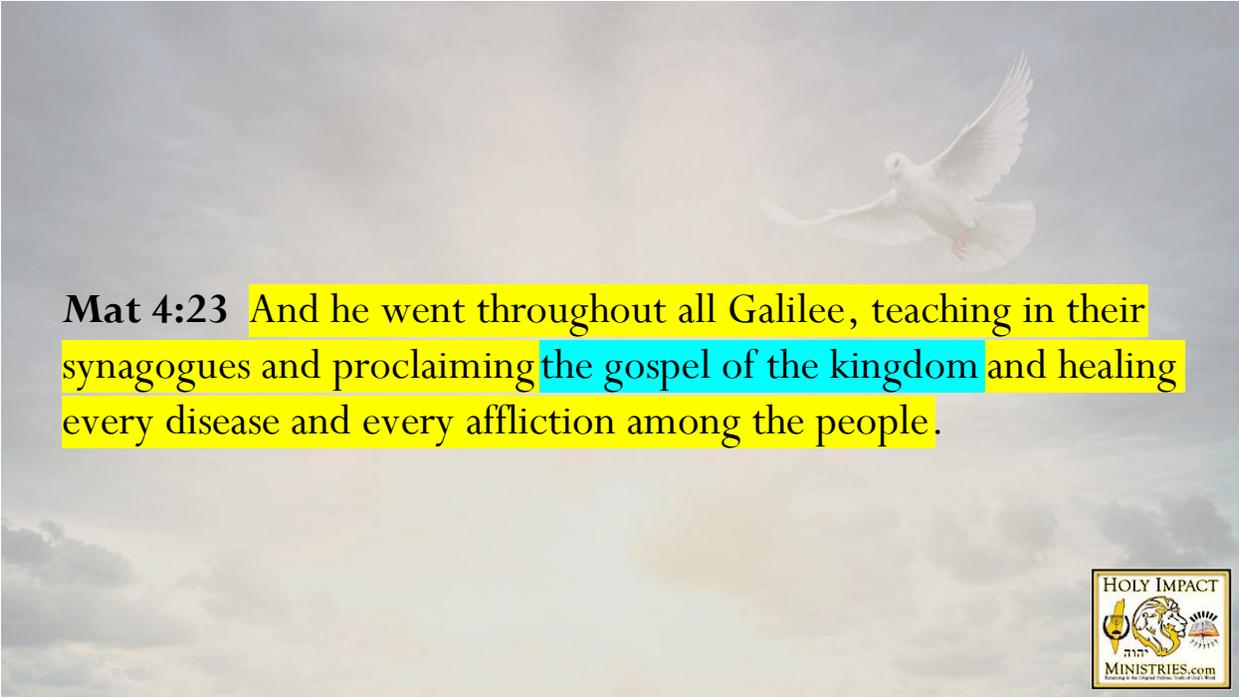
truth concerning what was taking place in his day. And because Mark himself much like Luke walked with the apostles, we are literally getting firsthand information here from someone who was literally there on the scene.

But before we dive into the writings of Mark, it's important that we understand that both Mark and his mother Mary played very important part in accommodating the apostles and spreading the true gospel message of the Bible across the earth. Once again it is believed that it was Mark along with the help of his mother Mary that started the First Christian Church in Africa and that Mark himself became the bishop of Alexandria.

And therefore, Mark himself did indeed become a very important piece of the prophetic puzzle when it comes to the commission that all Christians were given to spread the gospel message across the face of the earth. Which brings us to another very important topic that we need to discuss before we read the book of Mark; and that is the biblical definition of what is known as "the gospel".

What is "the gospel" according to our God breathed Scripture and our God breathed Scripture alone?

Well, one of the very first places that we see the word "gospel" in the New Testament is found in **Matthew chapter 4 verse 23 (scrn 4)**



**Mat 4:23** And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.



And so, right here in Matthew chapter 4 verse 23 we are told that our Messiah was proclaiming what? What was our Messiah proclaiming? Was he proclaiming himself? Was he proclaiming that the law was dead and that he was taking over? Was he proclaiming his own birthday? Was he proclaiming his own Sabbath? What dese the apostle Matthew tell us that our Messiah was proclaiming in the synagogues?

Right here in Matthew chapter 4 verse 23 we are told that our Messiah was proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom. That's what our Messiah was proclaiming. Because you see that was in essence the pinnacle, the objective, the reason, and the purpose of his coming. The very reason that our Messiah was put here on this earth by our Father in heaven was to proclaim his kingdom. **(scrn 5)**

G2098

**εὐαγγέλιον**

**“gospel” = euaggelion**

**yoo-ang-ghel'-ee-on**

From the same as G2097; a good message, that is, the gospel: -  
gospel.

Total KJV occurrences: 77



What’s important for all modern-day Christians to understand is that the English word “gospel” comes from the original Greek word “yoo-ang-ghl-ee-on” (euaggelion) which means good message or good news.

And my friends I want us to understand what the good news that our Messiah came to proclaim is all about and where that good news begins.

The glaring fact is that the gospel message that our Messiah came to proclaim did not originate in the New Testament and those who teach and preach such things are clearly ignorant of the Old Testament.

What was this good news that our Messiah came to proclaim concerning the Kingdom? Is the good news that our Messiah came to proclaim found in the New Testament as today’s modern day church generally teaches... or is the good news that our Messiah came to proclaim found in the Old Testament back in the beginning of the book?

Because according to today’s heretical and apostate modern-day church and her thousands of denominational empires of dirt... the gospel

originated with the apostle Paul in the New Testament. But... this my friends is nothing more than blasphemy against Yehovah God and a heretical teaching that completely does away with his true kingdom to come. The church today wouldn't know the definition of the gospel if it jumped up and bit the noses on their very faces.

When do we find the gospel first written about according to scripture? Where do we find this good news first written about? Let's turn back to the beginning of the Bible in the book of **Genesis chapter 3 verses 13 through 15 (scrn 6)**

**Gen 3:13** Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

**Gen 3:14** The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

**Gen 3:15** I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."



What is the Scripture back in the beginning of the Bible telling us here in Genesis chapter 3 verses 13 through 15? Does Genesis chapter 3 verse 15 not give us some good news? Is the gospel of our Messiah not found right here in Genesis chapter 3 verse 15? Because I would submit to you that the fact that our Father in heaven had already told mankind from the very beginning that he would put enmity between the serpent and the human woman and that Yehovah would cause the offspring of a human woman to crush the head of the serpent... is indeed good news. And I

would submit to you my friends that what you are looking at here in Genesis chapter 3 verse 15 is indeed the gospel message that our Messiah came to proclaim that has everything to do with the kingdom of Yehovah God his Father being reestablished with his children.

Once again, my friends let us not be ignorant and unstudied. Let us not fall prey to the deceptions of man's denominational charters of men and his hermeneutics and his exegesis and his philosophy driven dogma. Would you like to see some more of the gospel message from the beginning of the book? Because we have plenty...

Let's turn this morning to **Deuteronomy chapter 18 verses 15 through 19 E1**

### **A New Prophet like Moses**

Deu 18:15 "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—

Deu 18:16 just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.'

Deu 18:17 And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken.

Deu 18:18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.

Deu 18:19 And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

Is this not good news my friends? Is this news about a prophet likened unto Moses that Yehovah God says he will raise up from among the brothers of the house of Israel not good news? Is this prophet that was raised up likened unto Moses' void of the kingdom of God or do you suppose he holds the keys to the kingdom of God? I ask you plainly... is this not the good news that our Messiah came to proclaim in the New Testament? How about we go read **Isaiah chapter 53 E2**

**Isa 53:1** Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

**Isa 53:2** For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.

**Isa 53:3** He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

**Isa 53:4** Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

**Isa 53:5** But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

**Isa 53:6** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**Isa 53:7** He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

**Isa 53:8** By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

**Isa 53:9** And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

**Isa 53:10** Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

**Isa 53:11** Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

**Isa 53:12** Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

I suppose that none of this is good news?

None of this has to do with the gospel of the kingdom of Yehovah God? I suppose that we are all legalistic and that we are all going straight to hell because we're reading the beginning of the book and what the law

which was spoken of by Yehovah God himself reveals to us here in the beginning of the book from the prophet Isaiah long before our Messiah was ever even born?

You see what's going on here my friends? This is a war between truth and deception, light and darkness, sweet and bitter. We are literally in a spiritual warfare with the church today who believes in a new god that they have propagated and concocted for themselves who does and says everything the exact opposite of what the Bible actually says.

What is the gospel? What is the good news? And where is it first found in your Bible? Let's turn two **Psalms chapter 2 E3**

### **The Reign of the Lord's Anointed**

**Psa 2:1** Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

**Psa 2:2** The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,

**Psa 2:3** "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

**Psa 2:4** He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

**Psa 2:5** Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

**Psa 2:6** "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

**Psa 2:7** I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you."

**Psa 2:8** Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

**Psa 2:9** You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

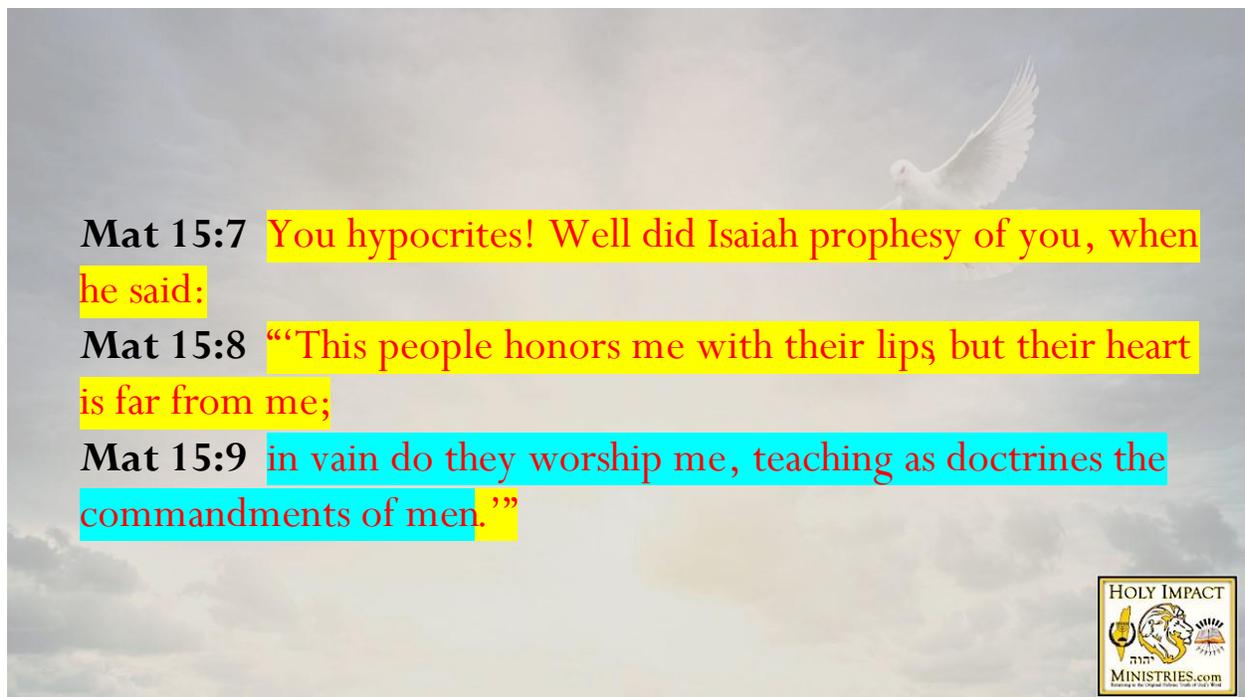
**Psa 2:10** Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

**Psa 2:11** Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

**Psa 2:12** Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him."

The church and its demonic denominational charters of men can say whatever they want for the moment. But I tell you the truth... this my friends is the gospel message. This is the message of the kingdom to

come. This is where the gospel begins. This is where the gospel was founded. And this comes from the one true Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Do not let them lie to you my friends. Do not let them establish a foothold in your heart or in your mind for I tell you the truth they are like rabid dogs who want nothing more than to usurp the authority and the power and the glory and the majesty and the mercy and the grace of our Father in heaven for themselves so that they themselves can be puffed up preaching and teaching their own gospel, their own good news and their own twisted and evil doctrines and dogmas and theologies and philosophies. And I tell you the truth... their twisted doctrines and dogmas and theologies and philosophies condemned them, and not only them, but all who enter into worship with them for it is clearly written... (scrn 7)



The very red letter words of our Messiah that he spoke with his very lips and his very tongue and his very breath tells us that we worship him in vain if we are teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.

The very gospel of Yehovah God himself has been drug through the mud

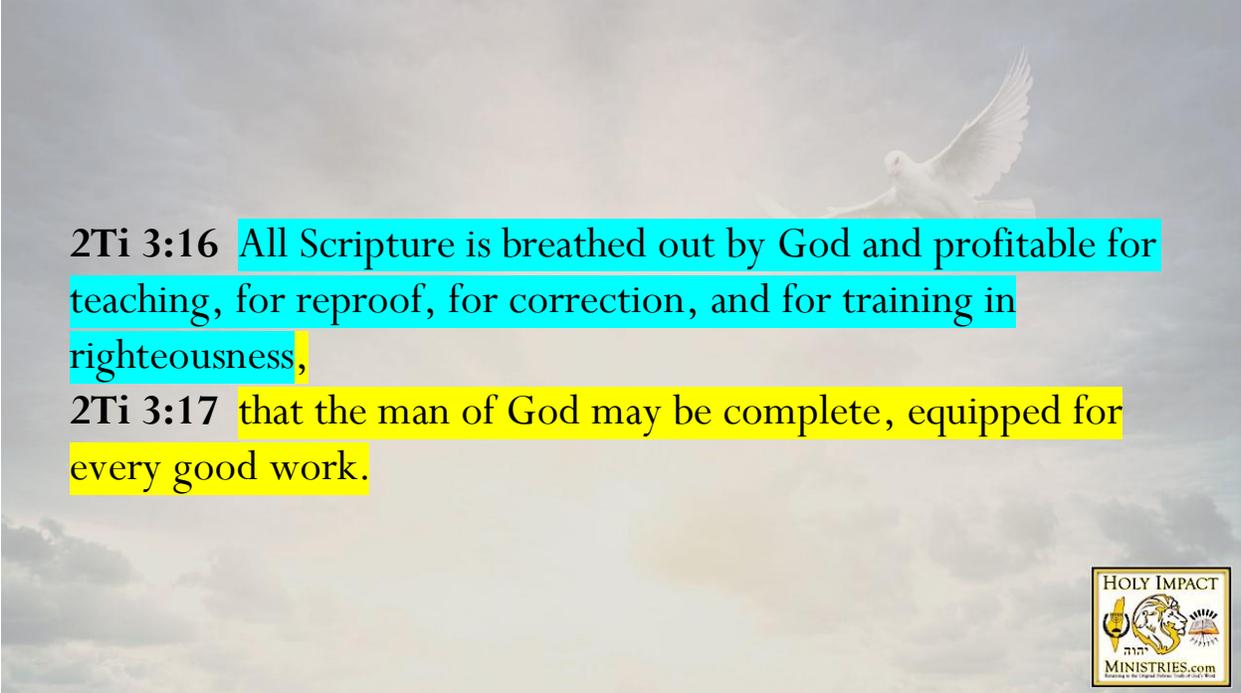
and the muck and the mire by the church today who proudly proclaims that her newfound religion of Christianity is the only way that we will make it into the kingdom of their make-believe god... which I can assure you is not the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

And all of this is extremely important to understand before we even get into the writings of Mark because these were all things that Mark knew and these are all things that the Jewish apostles all knew and understood. And therefore, in order for us to understand the writings of Mark... we also must be standing upon the same foundation that the apostles were standing upon.

Think about it for just a moment... what Scriptures did the apostles have in order to prove that Yeshua Jesus in the Greek was the only begotten Son of God? What Scriptures did the apostles have to prove that Yeshua was the Son of David the Son of Abraham just as Matthew tells us in the very first sentence of the New Testament? What scriptures in our Messiah's day and in the days of the Apostles brought them the good news also known as the Gospel?

What Scripture... what evidence... what proof was there that proved beyond the shadow of a doubt that Yeshua Jesus in the Greek was indeed the only begotten son of God?

Because we must remember that the apostles nor the noble Jews of Berea had a New Testament to read from because there was no such thing as a New Testament back in that day. The New Testament had not even been written yet. **(scrn 8) show only**



2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

2Ti 3:17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.



When the apostle Paul tells us in second Timothy chapter 3 verse 16 that all Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching and for reproof and for correction and for training in righteousness so that the man of God may be complete and equipped for every good work, Paul was not talking about the new testament Scripture because there was no New Testament Scripture at that time. This good news... was in the Old Testament scripture not the New.

Our Messiah died in about 30 A.D. and the New Testament texts were written between 30 and 60 years after his death and would still not be canonized and put into book form until another 20 or 30 years after that. And therefore... it is imperative that we today as we read through the book of Mark understand what Mark and all of the apostles already knew so that we are not deceived by the devil who loves to dress himself up like an angel of light in order to destroy... the good news which is the Gospel that our Messiah came to fulfill.

Once again, I ask you plainly... where is the true gospel found? Did the apostle Paul create a new gospel message? Did the apostles create a new

gospel message? Did the church create a new gospel message? Did Jesus create a new Gospel message? How long has the kingdom of Yehovah God been standing? If our Messiah came to proclaim the gospel of the kingdom... A kingdom that had been standing for eons... then how could it be said that the gospel begins in the New Testament?

I tell you the truth my friends if you do not understand what the good news is... and you do not have the gospel of Yehovah God written across your heart and in your mind, then you will fall into the category of those who our Messiah does not know. Why? Because by not understanding the gospel message that our Messiah came to bring us that began in the beginning with the book of Genesis... you cannot possibly understand that the mission of our Messiah was to bring us all back to his Father where we were in the beginning.

The ignorant and the unstudied babble all the day long regurgitating cherry picked Scripture taken out of context time after time after time without reading the book for themselves, without getting down on their knees and without asking for Yehovah God's discernment, without ever pondering it, without ever even thinking about it because they would rather sit in a denominational house of ill repute and listen to the devil standing behind a pulpit dressed up like an angel of light tell them about a different gospel and a different Jesus and a different God whose objective is all about teaching and preaching a do as thou will is the whole of the law doctrine of demons.

And they wind up worshiping Yeshua in vain and why do they worship him in vain... because just as he warned them... they are teaching as doctrines... the commandments of men.

Do not let them lie to you my friends.

And as we venture through the book of Mark after this introduction to the book of Mark, I want everyone within the sound of my voice to please, please understand that you will not understand what it is that we

are going to read in the book of Mark if you have not read the beginning of the book.

You will not understand the writings of Mark if you have not first read the law of Moses the writings of the prophets and the Psalms. Why? Our very own Messiah tells us why in **Luke chapter 24 (scrn 9)**



**Luk 24:44** Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

**Luk 24:45** Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,



According to our Messiah everything written about him and the law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms which is the Old Testament must be fulfilled. And it's important that we understand that the word “fulfilled does not mean abolished in any way, shape, or form. Our Messiah tells us that everything written about him in the Old Testament must be fulfilled. And the English word “fulfilled” in the Greek comes from the Greek word “**pleroo**” (scrn 10) show

G4137

πληρώω

Fulfill = plēroō

play-ro'-o

From G4134; to make replete, that is, (literally) to cram (a net), level up (a hollow), or (figuratively) to furnish (or imbue, diffuse, influence), **satisfy, execute** (an office), finish (a period or task), verify (or coincide with a prediction), etc.:- **accomplish**, X after, (be) **complete**, end, expire, **fill (up)**, fulfil, (be, make) full (come), **fully preach**, **perfect**, supply.

Total KJV occurrences: 90



And as we can see here according to Strong's Greek definitions the English word "fulfill" which comes from the Greek word "pleroo" does not mean abolished. It means to satisfy to execute or to accomplish, it means to complete to fill up to fully preach and to perfect. How do we know that our Messiah did not come to abolish the Law or the Prophets? Because he tells us that he did not come to abolish them in **Matthew chapter 5 verses 17 through 20 E4**

### **Christ Came to Fulfill the Law**

**Mat 5:17** "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

**Mat 5:18** For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

**Mat 5:19** Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

**Mat 5:20** For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Right here in Matthew chapter 5 as we all know, our Messiah commands

us not to even think that he has come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. He says don't even think that in Matthew chapter 5 verse 17. He says and I quote, "I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them which means to satisfy them to execute them to accomplish them and to complete them and to fully preach them and perfect them. And once again this is a red-letter commandment... our Messiah commands us that we are not to even think that he has come to abolish the Law or the Prophets.

In fact, he goes on to tell us that until heaven and earth pass away that not the crossing of a "t" or the darting of an "i" will pass from the law until all is accomplished. And when does heaven and earth pass away according to Scripture? And when are all things accomplished according to Scripture? Not into **Revelation chapter 21 E5 show only**

### **The New Heaven and the New Earth**

**Rev 21:1** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

**Rev 21:2** And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

**Rev 21:3** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

**Rev 21:4** He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

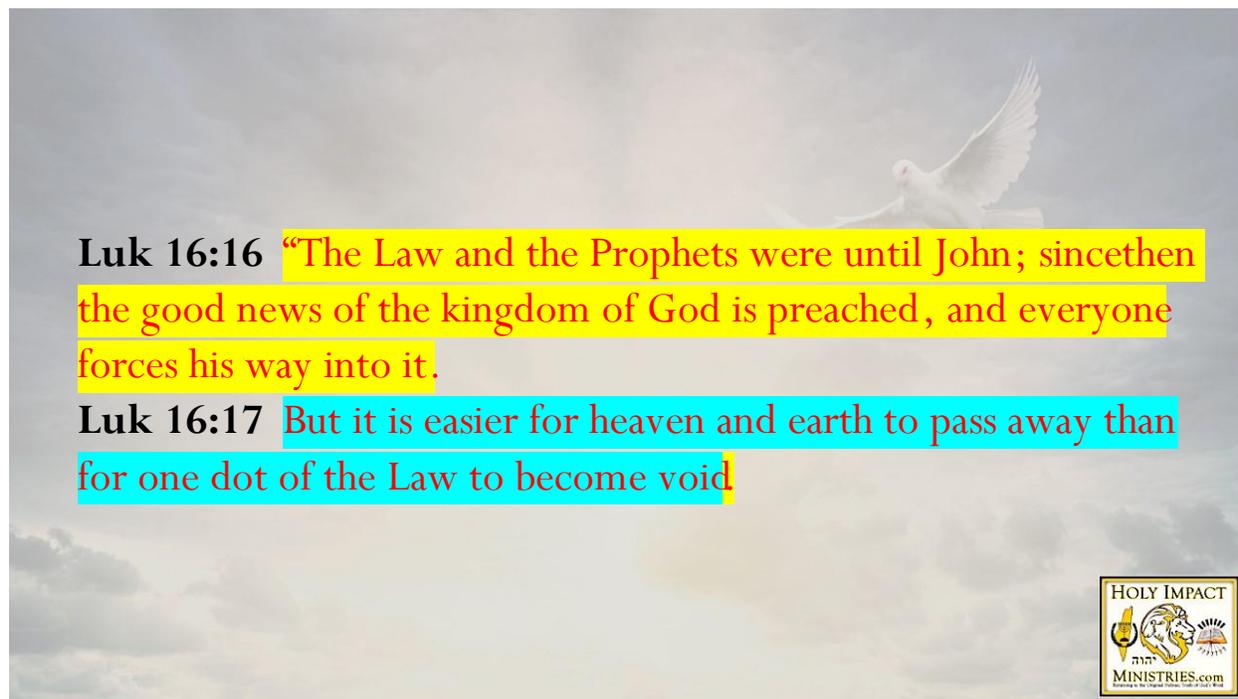
**Rev 21:5** And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

**Rev 21:6** And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

**Rev 21:7** The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

**Rev 21:8** But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

Right here it is written that Yehovah God will create a new heaven and a new earth for the first heaven and the first earth will pass away. And he also tells us in Revelation chapter 21 verse six that it will be at this point in time when all things are accomplished. **(scrn 11) show only**



Our Messiah tells us again for a second time that it would be easier for heaven and earth to pass away then for 1 dot of the law to become void.

Once again my friends the gospel message is the message of the kingdom to come. It is a message of salvation, the same message of salvation that was taught to us back in the book of Genesis when it was written that the offspring of a human woman would crush the head of the serpent who had deceived mankind in the first place.

And therefore, before we read the book of Mark and before we hear what Mark has to say, we need to know and understand what Mark knew and understood. We need to know and understand what the apostles knew and understood. We need to be standing on the same rock the same solid foundation that is the spoken word of Yehovah God that they were

standing on when they wrote the New Testament... because if we do not understand what they already understood, and if we are not standing upon the rock that they were already standing upon, we will indeed build our houses in the sand and the storm will come and the rain will fall and the floods will come and the winds will blow and beat against that house and I tell you the truth. Great will be the fall of it.

And therefore, please do not be surprised as we work our way through the book of Mark at how many times, we have to go back into the Old Testament in order to understand what Mark is trying to tell us in the New Testament.

And for those of you who were with us in our study into the book of Matthew over the last few months, you already know that almost 2/3 of the New Testament is nothing but quotes from the Old Testament. And you already know that without the knowledge of the Old Testament under our belts we will never understand the New Testament which is exactly why the church today does not understand the New Testament or the gospel message that they so wrongly claim to know and love. **(scrn 12) show only**

# Those Who Yeshua (Jesus) Does Not Know...

**Mat 7:21** “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, **but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.**

**Mat 7:22** On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’

**Mat 7:23** And then will I declare to them, ‘**I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.**’



And once again, we say it all the time because these are the most frightening Scripture in all of the Bible. The truth is, that we cannot gain entrance into his kingdom simply by calling him Lord.

You can call Jesus Lord all day long but that does not mean that you are going to gain entrance into his kingdom says our Messiah right here in Matthew chapter 7 verse 21. Our Messiah is extremely clear that only the one who is doing the will of his Father who is in heaven is going to make it into his kingdom.

And he goes on in Matthew chapter 7 verse 22 and he talks about those who will say Lord, Lord did we not prophesy in your name and didn't we cast out demons in your name and didn't we do many mighty works in your name? At which time he will turn to them and declare to them that he never knew them. And he will command them to get away from him because they are indeed... lawless.

And therefore, before we ever even get into reading the book of Mark it's important to have this introduction under our belts and to know and

to understand the importance of the true gospel message that begins in the book of Genesis and not in the book of Matthew. It's important that we understand the unfolding plan of salvation that our Father in heaven has revealed to us from the very beginning. It's important to understand that our Father in heaven does nothing without first letting his prophets know. And it's important to understand that the only gospel message that should be important to us is the gospel of the kingdom. And that my friends has been preached by Yehovah God himself and his prophets long before our Mesiah was ever even born. **Galatians chapter 1 verses six through nine (scrn 13)**

**Gal 1:6** I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—

**Gal 1:7** not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.

**Gal 1:8** But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.

**Gal 1:9** As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.



And I think with that we will allow the apostle Paul to close out our introduction to the book of Mark with those words of wisdom which will prepare us to continue our study into the book of Mark next seventh day Sabbath at 11 AM Eastern standard Time.

But until that time I will do as I always do, and I will ask everyone within the sound of my voice to please take what you have heard here this morning to your own prayer closet. Bow your head and bend your

knee and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here this morning be true or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door and on his door alone so that the proper door can be opened unto you. And if you will do that, and if you will stay the course to the end, you and I will surely walk through the gates of his soon coming kingdom together.