

Contents



<i>Preface</i>	<i>page xi</i>
<i>Abbreviations</i>	xiii
I. INTRODUCTION TO MARK	1
Introduction	1
Commentary Discussion of Author, Date, and Setting	1
Historical Setting of Mark and Emergence of the Gospel's Central Role in Historical Jesus Discussion	11
Move to the Priority of Mark	13
Ancient Testimony on Mark's Sources and the Roots of His Treatment of Jesus' Life	16
Need for the Gospels by about 65–80 CE	23
Reliability of Mark with Regard to Jewish Matters	24
Conclusion on the Roots of Mark's Gospel	35
Structure of Mark's Gospel	36
II. SUGGESTED READINGS ON THE GOSPEL OF MARK	40
Commentaries	40
Articles by Passage Unit	41
III. COMMENTARY ON MARK	107
1:1–15 Introduction to the Gospel: John the Baptist and Jesus	107
1:1 Introduction	107
1:2–8 John the Baptist Fulfills Scripture in Preparing the People and Tells of the One to Come	109
1:9–15 Jesus Is Baptized, Tempted, and Preaches the Kingdom	114
1:16–3:6 Jesus in Galilee: Ministry and Controversy	121
1:16–20 Calling of the Four	121
1:21–39 Jesus' Time in Capernaum	124
	vii

1:40–45 Into Galilee: The Healing of a Leper	134
2:1–3:6 Five Controversies: What Got Jesus into Trouble	138
3:7–6:6 Jesus in Galilee: Jesus Teaches and Shows His Power	160
3:7–35 As Jesus Gathers Disciples and Ministers, Discussion Emerges about Who He Is	160
4:1–34 Jesus Teaches about the Kingdom through Parables	171
4:35–5:41 Jesus Performs a Series of Miracles	183
6:1–6 Jesus Speaks in the Synagogue and Encounters Skepticism	200
6:7–8:26 Jesus in Galilee: Jesus' Acts Yield a Confession	203
6:7–13 Jesus Sends the Twelve Out into Mission	203
6:14–29 As Herod Contemplates Who Jesus Is, the Execution of John the Baptist Is Told	205
6:30–44 Jesus' Compassion Is Displayed and the Miracle of the Feeding of the Five Thousand	210
6:45–52 Jesus Walks on Water	214
6:53–56 Another Summary: Jesus Heals Those Brought to Him	218
7:1–23 Jesus Discusses that True Cleanliness Comes from the Heart	219
7:24–30 Jesus Honors the Humble Faith of a Syro-Phoenician Woman	226
7:31–37 Jesus Heals a Deaf Mute, but His Effort Not to Publicize the Healing Fails	229
8:1–9 Jesus Feeds the Crowd a Second Time	232
8:10–13 Jesus Rebukes the Request for a Sign	234
8:14–21 Jesus Reviews the Two Feedings, Making a Call to Faith	236
8:22–26 Jesus Heals a Blind Man	238
8:27–10:52 After a Key Confession, Jesus Heads to Jerusalem and Prepares His Disciples for the Suffering That Is to Come	240
8:27–30 Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ	240
8:31–33 Jesus Predicts His Coming Suffering as the Son of Man	243
8:34–9:1 Jesus Calls for Total Commitment from Disciples	244
9:2–8 A Voice from Heaven Commends Jesus as the Beloved Son as He Is Transfigured before a Few Disciples	248
9:9–13 Jesus Commands Silence until the Resurrection about the Transfiguration and Discusses Elijah as Having Come	251
9:14–29 Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Boy Who Is Epileptic after the Disciples Fail to Heal Him	254
9:30–32 Jesus Predicts His Suffering One More Time	258

<i>Contents</i>	ix
9:33–50 Jesus Teaches on Humility, Service, and Sin	260
10:1–12 Jesus Discusses Divorce and Emphasizes the Design of Marriage as Male and Female Made One for Life	265
10:13–16 Jesus Rebukes the Disciples as He Permits the Children to Come to Him and Urges Them to Have Faith as a Child	270
10:17–31 Jesus Instructs about the Danger of Devotion to Riches and Urges Disciples to Leave All	271
10:32–34 Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection for a Third Time	277
10:35–45 A Dispute about Greatness Leads Jesus to Teach about Servanthood	279
10:46–52 Jesus Heals the Blind Bartimaeus	283
11:1–16:8 In Jerusalem, Jesus Meets Controversy and Rejection, Leading to His Death and Resurrection, as He Also Teaches of Suffering, Judgment, and Vindication	286
11:1–12:24 Jesus' Coming to Jerusalem as a Messianic Claimant Leads to Controversy	286
13:1–37 Jesus Describes Events Surrounding the Destruction of the Temple and the Return of the Son of Man That Mean Redemption and Vindication for His Disciples	318
14:1–72 Jesus Prepares His Disciples for His Death as Judas Betrays Him and the Jewish Leadership Examines Him, Finding His Claim of Divine Support and Rule Blasphemous	333
15:1–47 Jesus Is Sent to the Cross by Pilate for Sedition and Dies amid a Series of Cosmic Signs	359
16:1–8 The Angelic Announcement of a Raised Jesus Leaves Three Women Speechless and Fearing as They Are Told to Tell the Disciples to Meet Jesus in Galilee	377
<i>Scripture Index</i>	389
<i>Subject Index</i>	415