

*“Down in the shadow of the penitentiary
Out by the gas fires of the refinery
I'm ten years burning down the road
Nowhere to run, ain't got nowhere to go*

*Born in the USA
I was born in the USA”*

*“Born In The USA”
–Bruce Springsteen*

THE BOOK OF MARK



UNEXPECTED

KINGDOM

“Mark became Peter’s interpreter and wrote accurately, though not in order, all that he remembered of the things said or done by the Lord. For he had not himself heard the Lord or been his follower, but later, as I said, he followed Peter. Peter delivered teachings as occasion required, rather than compiling a sort of orderly presentation of the traditions about the Lord. So Mark was not wrong in recording in this way the individual items as he remembered them. His one concern was to leave out nothing of what he had heard and to make no false statements in reporting them.”

— Eusebius quotes Papias writing in the 2nd Century in *Historia Ecclesiastica*

Gospel of Mark

Chapters 1 - 8

- The Sea of Galilee
- Teaching, Healing, Exorcism
- Teachings about the Kingdom
- Increasing Opposition

Chapters 9 - 16

- To Jerusalem!
- Teachings about suffering
- Teachings about leadership
- Showdown in Jerusalem

Mark 8:27 – 9:1

- "I am the King of this kingdom."
- "I am going to suffer and die."

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The Unexpected Kingdom

The Unexpected King

NT Greek

Ἀρχὴ (Archē)

τοῦ εὐαγγελίου (tou euaggeliou) of the good news

Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ (Iēsou Christou) about Jesus the Messiah,

υἱοῦ θεοῦ (huiou theou) the Son of God

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¹ The beginning

of the good news

about Jesus the Messiah,

the Son of God

The Old Testament Story

Episode I (Genesis 1–11)

1. God creates a good world and creates humans to rule over it.
2. The humans rebel against God, insisting on ruling the world themselves. Their rebellion causes violence, destruction, broken relationships everywhere.

The Old Testament Story

Episode II (Genesis 12–2 Kings)

3. God calls a person named Abraham and uses his descendants to build a kingdom (called Israel) to show the world what it's like to know Him and to live in loving community with Him.

4. The people of His kingdom rebel against God. They break their commitment with Him....

The Old Testament Story

Episode II (Genesis 12–2 Kings)

5. God establishes a dynasty from a faithful king named David. This line of kings is supposed to inspire the people and lead them to live faithfully with God. But these kings also rebel; indeed, they lead the way in sin and violence.

6. Not giving up, God sends his people into exile, hoping the trial of the exile would purify them and bring them back to faithfulness.

- 9 You who bring good news to Zion,
go up on a high mountain.
You who bring good news to Jerusalem,
lift up your voice with a shout,
lift it up, do not be afraid;
say to the towns of Judah,
"Here is your God!"
- 10 See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power,
and he rules with a mighty arm.
See, his reward is with him,
and his recompense accompanies him.

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Hebrew

מָשִׁיחַ (māšiah)

"The Anointed One"



Greek

χριστός (christos)

"The Anointed One"

Hebrew

מָשִׁיחַ (māšiah)

"The Anointed One"



English

"Messiah"



Greek

χριστός (christos)

"The Anointed One"



English

"Christ"

The beginning of

The good news (euaggelion) – about the return of God's reign that will finally put an end to the exile of God's people and the rule of the foreign empires

Through Jesus the Messiah (christos) – the long-promised Jewish king who will establish the Kingdom of God over the entire world.

The Son of God – Oh, by the way, he is also the Son of God.

"I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the **Lord** you are seeking will come to his temple; the **messenger of the covenant**, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty.

Malachi 3:1

"I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way" –

Mark 1:2

A voice of one calling:

**"In the wilderness prepare
the way for the LORD;
make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.**

Every valley shall be raised up,
every mountain and hill made low;
the rough ground shall become level,
the rugged places a plain.
And the glory of the LORD will be revealed,
and all people will see it together.
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Isaiah 40:3-5

**"a voice of one calling in the
wilderness,
'Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.'** "

Mark 1:3

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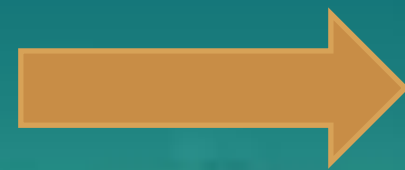


⁷ And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Mark 1:7-8

Late Classical Hebrew/Aramaic

יֵשׁוּעַ (yêšûa')

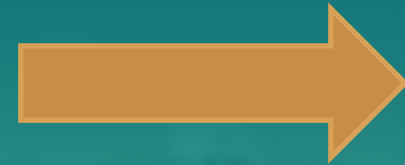


Greek

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Greek

Ἰησοῦς (Iēsous)



English
"Joshua"



English
"Jesus"

(The Story of God and Humanity, Episode III)

The beginning of

The good news (euaggelion) – about the return of God's reign that will finally put an end to the exile of God's people and the rule of the foreign empires

Through a new Joshua (lēsous) — Remember the first Joshua led God's people into the Promise Land and established the nation of Israel.

Who is the Messiah (christos) — the long-promised Jewish king who will establish the Kingdom of God over the entire world.

The Son of God — Oh, by the way, he is also the Son of God.

Mark 1:1



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³⁰ They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were,
³¹ because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." ³² But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" ³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

³⁶ He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them,
³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

³⁸ "Teacher," said John, "we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us."