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Small Group Bible Study

The Gospel of Mark *In Introduction to the Author*

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When you think about someone as being an actual author of one of the four Gospels of Jesus Christ, what assumptions do you automatically make about them?

Read Acts 13:1-13 and Acts 15:36-40

What do we learn about John Mark in these passages?

What role did he have in the dispute between Paul & Barnabas?

Knowing this about Mark, how might this help to explain an odd incident recorded by Mark himself in Mark 14:51-52?

If it is true that Mark was writing about himself as many scholars believe, what do we see Mark trying to make clear about himself?

Was Mark always to be remembered as a coward and deserter?

Read the following:

Colossians 4:10 - Why was Barnabas so likely to defend Mark earlier on?

What is so striking about the instructions in parentheses concerning Mark if he comes?

2 Timothy 4:11-13 - Why is it important to know that this letter is written by Paul?

How has his attitude towards Mark changed?

1 Peter 5:13 - How is Mark described here by Peter?

What was Peter's role in the Christian church at this time? Although we know that Mark is not Peter's biological child, what does this infer about their relationship?

Although we don't know how exactly things changed in Mark's life, what change can we see happen between a young Mark running away naked from the guards, and a much older Mark recording Jesus' life story?

Have you ever struggled with feelings of inadequacy regarding your ability to be a witness of Christ to others?

What do we learn from this short study of Mark's life?

Is anyone hopeless? Are there others in the Bible that you can learn this same lesson from?



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