

Lion and Lamb Apologetics'

MARK

AN OVERVIEW

Purpose

To present the person, work, and teaching of Jesus.

Author

John Mark

Date

Mark was written between AD 55-65 in Rome.

Audience

To Christians in Rome.

Setting

With its common language and excellent transportation and communication systems, the Roman Empire was ripe to hear the message of Jesus, which spread quickly from nation to nation.

Special Features

Mark was probably the first Gospel written. The other Gospels quote all but 31 verses of Mark. Widespread evidence from the early church fathers affirms that Peter passed on reports of the words and deeds of Jesus to his attendant and writer, John Mark, whose account is especially vivid when recounting incidents involving Peter.



Key Verses

“The time promised by God has come at last!” he announced. “The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!” (1:15 NLT)

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (10:45 ESV)

“And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.” (12:30-31 NLT)

Key People

Jesus, the 12 disciples, Pilate, the Jewish religious leaders

Key Places

Capernaum, Nazareth, Jericho, Caesarea Philippi, Bethany, the Mount of Olives, Jerusalem, Golgotha