

Interesting Facts About Mark

AUTHOR: "John whose surname was Mark." Acts 15:3

TIME WRITTEN: Possibly between 58-68 A.D.

POSITION IN THE BIBLE:

- 41st Book in the Bible
- 2nd Book in the New Testament
- 2nd of 4 books of Biography (Matthew - John)
- 25 Books to follow it.



CHAPTERS: 16

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OBSERVATIONS ABOUT MARK:

- The writer Mark is John Mark.
- John's mother had a large house that was used as a meeting place for the church in Jerusalem.
- According to Acts 12:12, Barnabas and John Mark were cousins.
- It may be that Peter led Mark to Christ. 1 Peter 5:13 - "Mark my son."
- Barnabas & Saul took John Mark with them when they returned from the Jerusalem conference in Acts 15.
 - Mark proceeded with them on the 1st missionary journey.
 - Mark turned back in Phrygia in Pamphylia, and returned to Jerusalem.
- When Barnabas wanted to take Mark with them on the 2nd missionary journey, Paul refused. The disagreement led to:
 - Barnabas taking Mark and traveling to Cyprus.
 - Paul taking Silas and traveling through Syria and Cilicia.
- Eventually matters worked out between Paul and John Mark as is evidenced by:
 - Approximately 12 years later Paul wrote that Mark was with him during his first Roman imprisonment.

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- Near the end of his life, Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 4:11 - "Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry."

- Of the four books of biography (Matthew, Mark, Luke, & John), the Book of Mark is the shortest of the four.
- Whereas Matthew was written for a Jewish audience, it appears that Mark was written for Roman readers.
- The Book of Mark stresses the works of Jesus rather than the words of Jesus.
 - Only four parables are given in Mark.
 - 19 miracles are recorded in rapid fashion.
 - The quick succession of events in Mark is indicated by one Greek word which occurs 41 times in the book and is translated by seven different words:
 - "Immediately" - "As soon as"
 - "Anon" - "Shortly"
 - "Forthwith" - "Straightway"
 - "By and by"
- Mark records the effects of amazement, fear and awe that the miracles of Christ had upon the people.

