

## Mark: "Just the Facts, Ma'am." Pastor Kent Groethe

John Mark was mentored by Paul and Barnabas but abandoned their first missionary. This caused a contentious split between the two. Later, John Mark ends up doing ministry with/for Peter. It seems that he was in Rome assisting both Peter and Paul when they were imprisoned there and ultimately killed in the mid 60s.

Mark shares the names and

### 1. Son of God (Jesus is God)

*"Surely this man was the Son of God."*

Centurion at cross." Mark 15:39

*"Who can forgive sins but God alone." (2:5)*

Said by leaders after Jesus forgives the paralytic:

### 2. Son of Man (Jesus is man...but God)

Jesus calls himself "The Son of Man" more than any other name. Though it hints at Jesus' humanity, it also actually shouts at his divinity...The average Jew of Jesus' time would recognize this phrase as coming from Daniel 7.

*"I looked and there before me was one like the son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days...He was given authority, glory, and sovereign power, all nations, and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. Daniel 7:13-14*

### 3. King

A voice from heaven at Jesus' baptism proclaimed:

*"You are my Son whom I love; with you I am well pleased.*

*"You are my Son; today I have become your Father."  
This was said at the king's coronation. Psalm 2:7*

## 4. Messiah (Christ)

*"The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah."*

Mark 1:1

*"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Mark 15:34*

Quote from Psalm 22 from Jesus on the cross.

### Saviour – Reconciler of Humanity and God

*"Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open (Skidzo) and the Spirit descending on him like a dove." Mark 1:10*

*"Jesus breathed his last. The curtain of the temple was torn (Skidzo) in two from top to bottom."*

### Shepherd

*"Jesus had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd...then Jesus directed [the disciples] to have all the people sit down in groups on the GREEN grass." Then he fed the five thousand with five loaves and two fish. Mark 6:34, 39*

*"The Lord is my shepherd...he makes me lie down in GREEN pastures."*

Psalm 23:1-2

*"I myself will tend the sheep and have them lie down. I will search for the lost and bring back the stray." Ezekiel 34:15-16*

# THE GOSPELS

In the New Testament, there are four separate accounts of Jesus' life written by four different authors, addressed to four different audiences, with four different messages. Yet, all four convey the "good news" that Jesus, the Messiah and incarnation of God Himself, died on the cross for humanity's sin, then rose and was resurrected from the dead in order to reconcile the world to the Creator.

|                     | MATTHEW                                | MARK                             | LUKE                        | JOHN                     |
|---------------------|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Author</b>       | original disciple                      | John Mark                        | Paul's Companion            | original disciple        |
| <b>Audience</b>     | Jews                                   | Romans                           | Greeks                      | unbelievers              |
| <b>Sources</b>      | Jesus/Mark                             | Peter                            | Paul                        | Jesus                    |
| <b>Date</b>         | 60s or 70s A.D.                        | 50s or 60s A.D.                  | 60s or 70s A.D.             | 90s A.D.?                |
| <b>Emphasis</b>     | Jesus and the OT                       | Just the Facts                   | The Holy Spirit             | Jesus is God             |
| <b>Key Metaphor</b> | King                                   | Son of Man                       | Savior                      | Son of God               |
| <b>% Unique</b>     | 42 %                                   | 7 %                              | 59 %                        | 93 %                     |
| <b>Misc.</b>        | Jesus' 5 discourses<br>Sermon on Mount | The First Gospel<br>Jesus' birth | the Holy Spirit<br>the poor | Jesus = God<br>metaphors |
| <b>Start</b>        | Jesus' birth                           | Jesus' baptism                   | Jesus' birth                | beginning                |