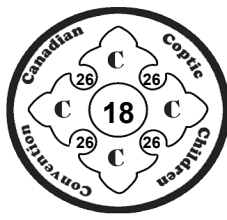


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STUDY

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK



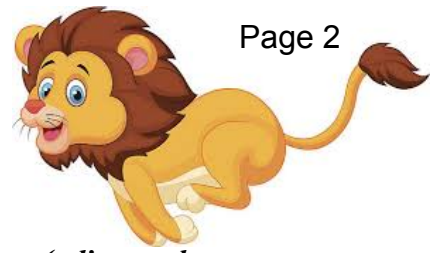
is St. Mark?

1. The Evangelist, author of the Gospel according to St. Mark.
2. The beholder of God.
3. A Jew from the tribe of Levi.
4. He was born in the city of Cyrene in Pentapolis (North Africa).
5. He had 2 names "John" a Jewish name meaning "Kindness of God" and "Mark" a gentile name meaning "Hammer".
6. His mother's name was Mary, she followed Christ and served Him.
7. He was a nephew of Barnabas and his father "Aristopolis" was a cousin of St. Peter's wife.
8. He was chosen by our Lord Jesus Christ as one of the seventy Apostles.
9. He was the young man who fled in the garden when Jesus was arrested.
10. He joined St. Paul and Barnabas on the 1st missionary trip.
11. He is the founder of the church in Egypt, he is the first Patriarch of Alexandria. He ordained Anianus as Bishop for Alexandria.
12. He put together the prayer of the Divine Liturgy. It is one of the oldest liturgies in the history of the church. Pope Cyril I made some modifications to it. It is known as "St. Cyril's Liturgy".
13. He instituted the Christian Catechetical school of Alexandria.
14. On Easter eve, 68 A.D., he was seized by the pagan mob and was dragged around the city of Alexandria until he passed away. Thus, he received the crowns of Apostleship, Evangelism and Martyrdom.
15. The symbol of St. Mark's Gospel is the lion.





WHY? The Lion

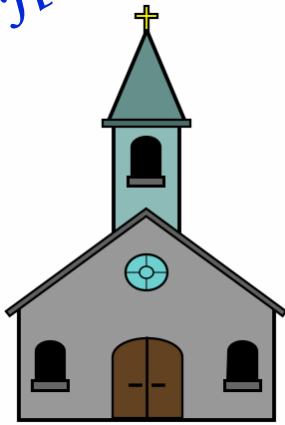


On their way to Jordan, St. Mark and his father were faced by 2 beasts (a lion and a lioness). The father realized that they are going to be eaten by the beasts and asked his son to escape. St. Mark prayed to the Lord Jesus Christ, and the lions perished and they were both saved.

This event lead the artists to insert a lion in all his pictures.

Also because in the beginning of his Gospel he described the roar of a lion **“The voice of one crying in the wilderness”** Also his Gospel represents the Lord Jesus Christ in His majesty and Kingdom as He was **“The Lion of the tribe of Judah”**

His House was the first church in Christianity where:



1. Our Lord Jesus observed Passover with His disciples.
2. Our Lord Jesus washed His disciples' feet.
3. Our Lord Jesus instituted the Eucharist.
4. Our Lord Jesus appeared to the disciples after the resurrection.
5. The disciples met for prayers after the Resurrection and before the Pentecost.
6. The Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles on the day of Pentecost.
7. St. Peter went when the angel released him from the prison.

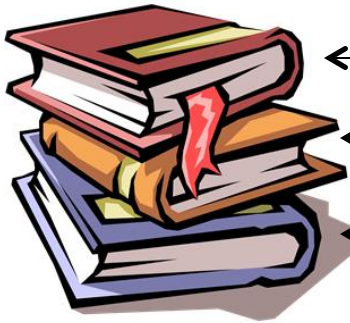


THE RETURN OF HIS RELICS



ST. MARK'S FEASTS IN THE COPTIC CHURCH

- 30 Baramouda - His martyrdom
- 30 Babah - The discovery of his head and the consecration of his church
- 17 Baounah – On June 24, 1968 The return of his relics from Rome to Egypt during the papacy of Pope Kyrillos VI



GOSPEL OF ST. MATTHEW

GOSPEL OF ST. MARK

GOSPEL OF ST. LUKE



The 1st Gospel to be written
The shortest Gospel, 16 chapters!

The most repeated word in St. Mark's Gospel is "**immediately**" it was mentioned 42 times



KEY

CONTENT

Jesus the Ideal Servant

To Serve

Presentation of the Servant 1- 2:13
Opposition to the Servant 2:13- 8:27
Instruction by the Servant 8:27-11:1

To Sacrifice

Rejection of the Servant 11:1-16:1
Resurrection of the Servant 16:1-16:20

VERSE

"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve." 10:45

CHAPTER 8

Peter answered and said to Him, "You are the Christ." v29

PLACES

Capernaum, Nazareth, Caesarea Philippi, Jericho, Bethany, Mount of olive, Jerusalem, Golgotha

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- St Mark's Gospel was written to the Romans
- There are several explanations of Jewish terms and customs e.g. "For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands in a special way" Mk 7:3
- No mention of Jesus' genealogy
- Christ is seen as God's righteous servant
- He presents Jesus as the man of power and action
- It is the book of action, the most action oriented Gospel
- Shows Jesus power and authority over nature, demons, death, illness...
- Description consistent with eyewitness account details e.g. "But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow" Mk 4:38
- Jesus moved from place to place to meet the physical and spiritual needs of all kinds of people
- It has the most miracles and only a few parables
- Only St. Mark records the miracle of Jesus healing the blind man at Bethsaida MK 8:22-26
- Used Latin, Greek and Aramaic words

MAIN OUTLINES



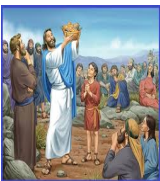
1- PREPARATION (1:2-13)

- Forerunner (John the Baptist)
- Baptism in the Jordan
- Temptation in the Wilderness



2- THE MINISTRY (1:14- 10:31)

- Calling of the disciples,
- Casting out unclean spirits
- Healing the sick
- He is the Lord of the Sabbath
- Calming the storm
- Jesus speaks in Parables
- Sending out the twelve
- Feeding the multitude
- Jesus walks on the water
- Peter confesses Jesus as Christ
- Jesus Predicts His death
- Transfiguration



3- THE LAST JOURNEY (10:32- 13:37)

- Teaching the disciples
- Healing the blind man
- Triumphal entry in Jerusalem
- Jesus cleanses the Temple
- The fig tree withered
- Jesus' authority questioned



4- THE PASSION (14:1- 15:47)

- The plot to kill Jesus
- Anointing at Bethany
- The Last Supper
- Jesus predicts Peter's denial
- Prayer in Gethsemane
- Betrayal and arrest in Gethsemane
- Jesus faces the Sanhedrin
- Peter denial and weeps
- Jesus faces Pilate
- Jesus dies on the cross
- Jesus buried in Joseph of Arimathea's tomb



5- HE IS RISEN CHAPTER 16

- Mary Magdalene sees the risen Christ
- Jesus appears to two disciples
- Jesus appears to His disciples
- The Great commission

