

Agree / Disagree

1. The *good news* of the gospel is that man can be “fixed.”
2. Being a servant means being a doormat.
3. Wives are to serve their husbands.
4. Husbands are to serve their wives.
5. Being a servant is good, but it has its limits.



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The Gift of God



Who was Mark ?



- *John who was also called Mark – Acts 12:12, 25; 15:37*
 - John – Hebrew - *Jehovah is gracious* (Acts 13:5, 13)
 - Mark – Latin - *Large hammer* (Acts 15:39; Col. 4:10; 2 Tim. 4:11; Phile. 24; 1 Pet. 5:13)

Who was Mark ?



- Son of Mary (Acts 12:12)
 - Apparently a widow
 - Owned a large home
 - Committed to the early church
- Cousin of Barnabas (Col. 4:10)
- Protégé of Peter (1 Pet. 5:13)

Who was Mark ?



- Lived in Jerusalem (Acts 12:12)
- To Antioch w/ Paul & Barnabas (Acts 12:25)
- 1st Missionary Journey (Acts 13:5)
 - “Deserted” (Acts 15:38)
 - Returned to Jerusalem (Acts 13:13)
- Back to Antioch (cf. Acts 15:30, 37-41)

Who was Mark ?



- 2nd Journey w/ Barnabas (Acts 15:39)
- Somehow ended up in Rome
 - Brought by Timothy? (2 Tim. 4:11)
 - Paul: “useful” and “fellow worker”
 - Church Fathers: Helped Peter, wrote and distributed *Mark* (c. AD 68)

Order of the Gospels

- Prevailing Theory (*Higher Criticism*)



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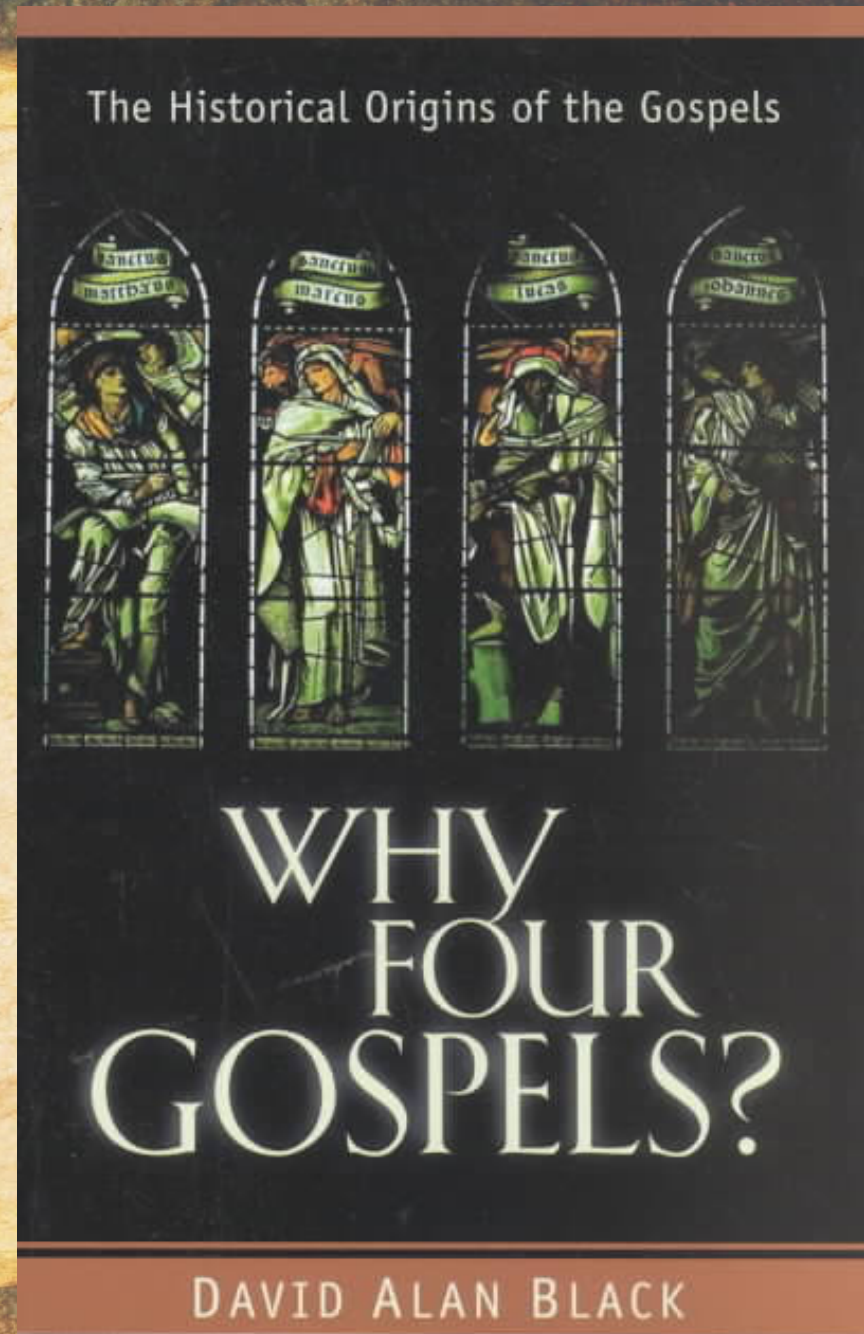
- Prevailing Theory (*Higher Criticism*)
 - Based on evolution, 19th cent. philosophy, and anti-supernaturalism
 - Requires Mark, Matthew, and Luke to have *embellished* the story
 - E.g. – Matt. 5:1-2

Order of the Gospels

- Church Fathers testify to *Matthew* first
 - Split over *Mark* or *Luke* second
 - *Written vs. Published*
 - *Mark* around Peter's death (c. AD 68)
 - Sermons / lectures in Rome
 - Pressured for publication

Order of the Gospels

- Paul needed Peter's endorsement of *Luke*
- Peter used both *Matthew* and *Luke* for his lectures
- Mark recorded and published as *Mark*



Order of the Gospels



- Spread of the gospel in the Book of Acts
 - 1-12 – Jerusalem/Judea – Jews **Matthew**
 - 13-20 – Europe/Asia – Greeks **Luke**
 - 21-28 – Toward Rome – Romans **Mark**

Structure of Mark



1:1—8:26

8:27-30

8:31—16:20

Purpose of Mark



- Peter's eyewitness account / lectures
 - Approve Luke's gospel
- A gospel for Rome
 - Action / deeds; power / authority
- Theme: *(Suffering) Servant of the Lord*
 - Faith in persecution (Nero – AD 64)

Structure of Mark



- Key Verse: Mark 10:45

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

Structure of Mark



1:1—8:26
To Serve

8:27-30

8:31—16:20
To Give
His Life

Mark 10:32-45



• *How to be Great*

Option #1

- Lord it over
- Exercise authority

Option #2

- Be a servant
- Be a slave of all

Mark 10:32-45



- **World system:** Greatness is measured by getting people to do what you want
- **God's system:** Greatness is measured by doing for others what you would have them do for you



William Hendriksen

“Greatness consists in self-giving, in the outpouring of the self in service to others, for the glory of God. To be great means to love.”

Mark 10:32-45



- Prevailing mindset:
 - “God wants to give; we just need to sit back and receive.”
 - “Jesus came to serve; humbly let Him serve you.”

Mark 10:32-45



- Just as Christ came to serve and give His life, so we are to serve and give our lives
- It's not about what you are due from others but what you do for others
- It is only in living His way that we find *life*

Communion



- John 13

- “Do you know what I have done to you?” (12)

- “I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.” (15)

Communion



- While they were eating, He took some bread, and after a blessing He broke it, and gave it to them, and said, “Take it; this is My body.” (Mark 14:22)
 - Think about what Christ has done for you
 - Think about how you can give your life

Communion



- And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. And He said to them, “This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.” (Mark 14:23-24)
- *Communion* is built on service and sacrifice