

**Reflection Questions:** When have I failed or caused division as Mark did?  
Does this mean I'm a failure? What have I learned from my failures?  
Do I hold others' failings against them? Who do I have mentoring me?  
Who am I mentoring?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

### Quotes to Ponder

*Mark tells a good story because  
Peter must have been a man worth listening to.*

R.T. France

*Mark became Peter's disciple and interpreter. To hurt deeply is to be able  
to help deliberately. Mark listened to Peter's preaching tempered by the  
fires of experience. He shared long hours of companionship which imprinted  
Peter's character on Mark. Most of all Peter's forgiveness and compas-  
sion enabled Mark to accept Christ's forgiveness and make a new  
beginning.*

*The word 'gospel' meaning "good news" had three stages in its develop-  
ment. It meant the bearer of good news, the good news itself, and finally  
it was used for the reward given to someone who carried the good news.*

*Jesus is all three for us.*

Lloyd J. Ogilvie

*Mark speaks in his gospel to the needs of Roman Christians who are being  
subjected daily to the barbarous whims of Nero as he tries to use persecu-  
tion and death as the final resolution for the Christian question. Nero fails,  
but Mark does not.*

David L. McKenna



Who Was Mark?

*Sermon*  
*Notes*

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1. Mark's Background

2. Mark's Message

3. Mark's Purpose

4. Mark's Method

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

(Acts 15:36-41)?

2. What do we learn of John Mark from the following passages?

Acts 12:12 —

Colossians 4:10 —

Acts 12:25 —

2 Timothy 4:11 —

Acts 13:5 —

Philemon 23-24 —

Acts 13:13 —

1 Peter 5:13 —

Acts 15:36-41 —

3. What would it have been like to have been the companion of Paul and of Peter?

4. What might we possibly learn of Mark from *Mark 14:51-52*?

5. Why might John Mark have left Paul and returned to Jerusalem (Acts 13:13)?

6. Why would Mark's leaving cause a division between Paul and Barnabas

Who was right, Paul or Barnabas? Why?

How do you think Mark felt about this disagreement?

7. Read *Philippians 3:1-4* and *Proverbs 3:1-14*. How do these passages speak to our failures?

8. How do you think Mark was reconciled with Paul?

9. What was Mark attempting to do when he wrote his gospel? What is his theme?

10. Why is *Mark 8:29* the turning point of Mark's gospel?

11. Read *Mark 1:16-31*. What word occurs ten times in this passage? Why does Mark use this word repeatedly?

12. Mark includes details the other gospel writers don't include (see *Mark 1:13* and *6:39-40*). What does this imply?

13. Who did Mark get his details from? Why do you think this?