**Outline of Mark’s Gospel[[1]](#endnote-1)**

The First Half of Mark’s Gospel: Jesus as the Powerful Messiah (1:1–8:26)

1. Preparation for Jesus’ Ministry in the Wilderness (1:1–13)
2. Jesus’ Initial Ministry in Galilee (1:14–3:35)
3. Jesus’ Ministry on and around the Sea of Galilee (4:1–8:26)
   1. Cycle 1: Calming of the Sea (4:1–5:20)
   2. Interval: Faith and Unbelief (5:21–6:29)
   3. Cycle 2: Walking on the Sea (6:30–56)
   4. Interval: Matters of the Heart (7:1–37)
   5. Cycle 3: Conversation on the Sea (8:1–26)
      1. Jesus’ Ministry to the Crowd: Feeding of the 4000 (8:1–10)
      2. Test from the Pharisees (8:11–13)
      3. Third Boat Scene: Warning about Leaven (8:14–21)
      4. [Transition] Healing of the Blind Man of Bethsaida (8:22–26)

The Second Half of Mark’s Gospel: Jesus as the Suffering Son of God (8:27–16:8)

1. Jesus’ Ministry on the Way to Jerusalem (8:27–10:52)
   1. Cycle 1: Prediction and Response (8:27–38)
      1. First Passion Prediction (8:27–31)
      2. Misunderstanding by the Disciples: Rebuke of Peter (8:32–33)
      3. Jesus’ Instructions on Discipleship: Taking Up the Cross (8:34–38)
   2. Interval: Jesus as Powerful Son of God (9:1–29)
      1. The Transfiguration (9:1–8)
      2. Teaching on Elijah (9:9–13)
      3. Healing of the Possessed Boy (9:14–29)
   3. Cycle 2: Prediction and Response (9:30–50)
      1. Second Passion Prediction (9:30–32)
      2. Misunderstanding by the Disciples: Debate about the Greatest (9:33–34)
      3. Jesus’ Instructions on Discipleship: Learning to be Last (9:35–50)
   4. Interval: Jesus as Authoritative Teacher (10:1–31)
      1. Teaching on Divorce (10:1–12)
      2. Children and the Kingdom (10:13–16)
      3. The Rich Man (10:17–31)
   5. Cycle 3: Prediction and Response (10:32–45)
      1. Third Passion Prediction (10:32–34)
      2. Misunderstanding by the Disciples: Request of James and John (10:35–41)
      3. Jesus’ Instructions on Discipleship: Learning to be a Servant (10:42–45)
   6. [Transition] Healing of Blind Bartimaeus (10:46–52)
2. Jesus’ Ministry at the Temple (11:1–13:37)
3. Jesus’ Death on the Cross and Resurrection (14:1–16:20)

1. Adapted from Joel Williams, “Does Mark’s Gospel Have an Outline?” *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 49, no. 3 (September 2006): 523–525. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)