

Mark tells us the  
**Good News**  
about **Jesus**

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# Mark tells us the Good News about Jesus

A word list at the end explains words with a star\* by them

## **This is about the book that Mark wrote**

Mark wrote this book while he was living in Rome. Rome is now the capital city of Italy. He wrote it at some time between AD 50\* and AD 70\*. Mark was also called John Mark. He was a young man when Jesus was on earth. In the book called Acts, we can read some things about Mark. A group of Christians met together in the home of Mark's mother (Acts 12:12). Paul and Barnabas went to many different places to tell people about Jesus. And sometimes, Mark went with them.

Mark wrote his book for people who were not Jews\*. At that time, the Roman\* government, which ruled many countries in the world, was hurting Christians. Jesus had said that men would hurt his people. Mark wanted to tell everyone about the things that Jesus had done. He described how Jesus lived. He explained who Jesus was. Jesus was a man, but he was also God's son. Mark described how Jesus died on a cross\*. And he described how Jesus became alive again. He explained how people could let God rule in their lives. He wrote about the things that Jesus taught the people.

Mark was a friend of Peter. Peter was one of the 12 men that Jesus chose to be his disciples\*. He called them apostles\*. Mark often listened when Peter was talking about Jesus. He wrote down the things that Peter said. And he wrote about the things that he had seen himself.

**This is a list of the different parts of Mark's book:**

- 1 Jesus starts his work 1:1–13
- 2 Jesus works in Galilee 1:14–9:50
- 3 Jesus travels from Galilee to Jerusalem 10:1–10:52
- 4 In Jerusalem, people kill Jesus and his friends bury him  
11:1–15:47
- 5 Jesus becomes alive again 16:1–8
- 6 People see that Jesus is alive 16:9–20

Jerusalem is now the capital city of Israel\* and Galilee is part of Israel\*.

# MARK

## 1

### **The start of the good news**

<sup>1</sup>This is the start of the good news about Jesus Christ. He is the Son of God. <sup>2</sup>Isaiah wrote this message from God in his book:

‘I will send someone in front of you. He will speak my message.

He will prepare a way for you.’

<sup>3</sup>‘A voice is shouting in the wilderness\*:

“The Lord\* will come soon. So prepare a road for him to travel on.

Make the paths straight.”’

<sup>4</sup>So John came to a place in the wilderness\* with the message from God. ‘You have done many wrong things’, he taught everybody. ‘You must change your minds. Then God will forgive\* you and I will baptise\* you.’

<sup>5</sup>Many people who lived in Jerusalem city and in the country called Judea went to listen to John. The people told God about all the wrong things that they had done. Then John baptised\* the people in the river Jordan. <sup>6</sup>John wore clothes that he had made out of hair from a camel\*. He also wore a belt that he had made from the skin of an animal. His usual food was large insects and honey\* from the wilderness\*.

<sup>7</sup>‘A person will come soon’, John said to the people. ‘He is more important than I am. I should not even be the servant who undoes his shoes. <sup>8</sup>I have baptised\* you with water. But this other person will baptise\* you with the Holy\* Spirit.’