

Course: Gospels & Acts

Series: The Gospels

Discussion Forum Three: The Gospel According to Mark

- 1. How reliable is church tradition regarding the authorship of Mark's gospel?**
 - a. Richard Bauckham – University of St. Andrews **(01:10)**
 - b. Mark Strauss – Bethel Seminary, San Diego **(03:35)**
- 2. Humanly speaking, how qualified was Mark to write a gospel?**
 - a. Peter Walker – Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University **(04:50)**
 - b. Mark Strauss – Bethel Seminary, San Diego **(06:00)**
 - c. Richard Bauckham – University of St. Andrews **(07:00)**
- 3. How does the structure of Mark's gospel help us to understand his message?**
 - a. Ben Witherington III – Asbury Theological Seminary **(11:45)**
 - b. Mark Strauss – Bethel Seminary, San Diego **(15:10)**
- 4. Why was Peter's confession that Jesus is the Christ so remarkable?**
 - a. Peter Walker – Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University **(17:20)**
 - b. Simon Vibert – Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University **(18:05)**
 - c. Larry Cockrell – Birmingham Theological Seminary **(18:30)**
- 5. What did the Jews in Jesus' day expect the Messiah to do?**
 - a. Thomas Schreiner – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary **(20:20)**
- 6. How did Jesus compare to the messianic expectations of his contemporaries?**
 - a. Simon Vibert – Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University **(22:20)**
 - b. Mark Strauss – Bethel Seminary, San Diego **(23:35)**
- 7. Why did Jesus perform miracles?**
 - a. Greg Perry – Covenant Theological Seminary **(26:10)**
 - b. Mark Strauss – Bethel Seminary, San Diego **(27:35)**
- 8. Why does Mark's gospel end with the women responding in fear to the news of Jesus' resurrection?**
 - a. Robert Plummer – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary **(30:00)**
 - b. Frank Thielman – Beeson Divinity School **(32:20)**
- 9. Why did Jesus' gospel message focus so strongly on the kingdom of God?**
 - a. Peter Chow – China Evangelical Seminary, Taiwan **(36:15)**

- b. Stephen Wellum – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (37:30)
- c. Jeffrey Lowman – Birmingham Theological Seminary (39:00)

10. In what sense did Jesus establish God's kingdom during his earthly ministry, and in what sense are we still waiting for his kingdom to come?

- a. K. Erik Thoennes – Talbot School of Theology (40:20)
- b. Glen Scorgie – Bethel Seminary, San Diego (41:55)
- c. Stephen Wellum – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (43:50)

11. What is the relationship between the kingdom of God and the church?

- a. William Ury – Wesley Biblical Seminary (46:45)
- b. Steve Blakemore – Wesley Biblical Seminary (49:15)

12. What is the relationship between God's plan for our lives as individuals and his plan for his kingdom?

- a. Steve Harper – Asbury Theological Seminary, Orlando (51:55)
- b. John Oswalt – Asbury Theological Seminary (53:50)

13. How can we identify and employ the Holy Spirit's power in our lives?

- a. Thomas Schreiner – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (55:10)
- b. Steve Harper – Asbury Theological Seminary, Orlando (56:20)
- c. K. Erik Thoennes – Talbot School of Theology (1:00:35)

14. How can church leaders guard themselves against sin?

- a. Youssef Ourahmane – House of Hope Services, Algeria (1:01:50)
- b. Steve Harper – Asbury Theological Seminary, Orlando (1:06:20)
- c. Simon Vibert – Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University (1:08:50)

15. Do the failures of the disciples undercut the authority and respectability of the church and its leadership?

- a. Peter Walker – Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University (1:10:20)
- b. Jonathan Pennington – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (1:11:25)

16. What positive examples can we find among Christ's followers in Mark's gospel?

- a. James D. Smith III – Bethel Seminary, San Diego (1:13:50)