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THE LIFE OF CHRIST SHOWING COVERAGE BY MARK (SHADED AREA)

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COMMENTARIES THAT CAN BE BORROWED FROM ARCHIVE.ORG

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Note these are in no particular order of preference.

[Be Diligent](#) (Mark) by Wiersbe, Warren - His comments are usually excellent. (Or here - [Bible Exposition Commentary - New Testament](#))

Rosscup - One of America's most appreciated staunchly evangelical Bible conference teachers gives diligent, refreshing expositions. These are all of his 23 separate, earlier books in the "Be" series on the New Testament. He strikes a particular appeal with lay people as he crystallizes sections, deals with some of the verses, handles certain problems and backgrounds and applies principles. He is premillennial.

[Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the New Testament](#) by Wiersbe, Warren W - Very useful for teaching and preaching.

[Cyril Barber](#) - This is a book of exceptional merit. Pastors, missionaries, and Christian workers will profit from its use. Wiersbe introduces each book of the NT, provides an outline, and then furnishes his readers with a chapter-by-chapter discussion of the contents. The homiletic style is a "plus." Recommended.

[With the Word](#) - Devotional Commentary - Warren Wiersbe

[Windows on the Parables](#) by Wiersbe, Warren

[Mark in the Greek New Testament for the English reader](#) by Wuest, Kenneth - He is always worth checking for practical insights on the Greek words.

James Rosscup - This is a verse-by-verse evangelical, expository work which deals with the Greek text but does so in a way which the English reader can follow though he does not know Greek. It is a good book to give to a layman who is serious about studying Mark, and also helpful to the pastor or teacher.

[Invitation to Mark : a commentary on the Gospel of Mark, with complete text from the Jerusalem Bible](#) by Achtemeier, Paul J

[Exalting Jesus in Mark](#) - Daniel L. Akin. Conservative. Evangelical.

[Exploring the Gospels : Mark](#) - Jerry Vines. Well-known expository Baptist preacher and thus sounds like material that was preached in a series of sermons. Not bad, but not that deep. Generally verse by verse. Might give you some preaching or teaching ideas. Conservative. Evangelical.

[Read, Mark, learn](#) by John Blanchard (Simple introduction to Gospel of Mark)

[The Gospel according to Mark : an introduction and commentary](#) by Cole, R. A. (R. Alan),

[Cyril Barber](#) - Tyndale New Testament Commentaries. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1990. First published in 1961. A comparison of the expository sections of the two editions shows little change. The introduction, however, focuses on new work done in Markan studies over the last 30 years, and this is where Cole's contribution is truly remarkable. This commentary will continue to be of help to lay Bible students. Recommended.

James Rosscup - A minister in the Church of Southeast Asia wrote this evangelical study, concluding for Markan priority (p. 47) yet not for any direct literary dependence but Matthean, Markan and Lukan "use of the same, or similar tradition blocks" (p. 48). The commentary itself is provided with a 4-pp. outline set down at the outset and is terse but knowledgeable. Cole sees the Olivet Discourse as referring directly to the destruction of Jerusalem in A. D. 70, though he acknowledges that the meaning reaches on to later fulfillment also (p. 203), a double fulfillment of the same words.

[Tim Challies](#) - This is the most concise of the commentaries listed here (though it is still 340 pages) and will necessarily be limited by its size. However, smaller, more readable commentaries do have their place and the experts agree that this one is an excellent addition to any library. This or Edwards' volume would likely be the best choice for the non-pastor.

[Tim Matheson \(Ligonier\)](#) - The Tyndale commentaries are non-technical and introductory-level commentaries, but they are surprisingly consistent in their high level of quality. Cole's commentary on Mark is a good example.

[The Gospel according to Saint Mark : an introduction and commentary](#) by Cranfield, C. E. B

James Rosscup - One of the finer commentaries on Mark by the famous exegetical scholar from The University of Durham in Scotland. Cranfield is quite helpful on the Greek text, word meanings, customs etc., and is clear, insightful, and refreshing to those who believe in the historical veracity of words and events in Jesus' ministry.

[Tim Challies](#) - This is the oldest commentary in the list (and do remember that I am focusing on newer commentaries since most of the older ones are now available for free). This one receives the highest commendation from Derek Thomas. Meanwhile, Westminster Seminary's Dan McCartney summarizes what most people want us to know about it: "A little dated, but handy and dependable." Carson points out that it speaks to a commentary's quality when it remains in print fifty years after initial publication. Indeed.

[The Gospel of Mark](#) by Earle, Ralph

James Rosscup (referring to Everyman's Bible Commentary which is not the same one above) - Here is a brief conservative survey by a professor (then) at the Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO. Earle is usually helpful. At times he is overly general, not nailing things down as on the identity of the second and third soils in Mark 4; at other times he commits himself, as in expecting a yet future, final fulfillment of the "abomination of desolation" in Mark 13.

[The Bible Knowledge Background Commentary : Matthew-Luke](#) by Evans, Craig A - This resource will give you very interesting insights and is worth checking on individual passages.

[The Gospel according to Mark](#) by Edwards, James R - Only 44 pages. Not his highly regarded commentary on Mark.

Article by Edwards - [The Authority of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark - JETS 37, 1994](#)

[The Gospel of Mark : an exposition](#) by Erdman, Charles R.

Rosscup - Concise treatments are given to each of the N. T. books. The main value of the set lies in its clear synthesis which helps the student grasp the flow of thought as he moves through a book. Erdman possessed a lucid writing style. He was amillennial.

[The Gospel of Mark : a Commentary on the Greek text](#) by France, R. T (New International Greek Testament Commentary)

James Rosscup - A noted scholar has an apt comment beginning his Introduction, that a commentary should be on the biblical book, not about commentaries on Mark (1), issues in Mark and not all the issues scholars can raise. Still, his footnotes cite many where he can draw help. He assumes that Mark wrote this gospel (6–9). He packs in much learning to shine light on verses, but with all due respect his ideas have misguided him to have Christ's enthronement to have kingly, universal and eternal dominion here and now be the meaning of texts that are about Christ's coming at the Second Advent (8:38; 13:26; 14:62, cf. pp. 32, 342–43, 534–35, 610–13). France has a good summary of textual evidence for excluding [Mark 16:9ff.](#) (685–88).

[Tim Challies](#) ranks this his #1 on Mark - Most commentators on commentaries reserve the top spot for France's volume (Note that he has also written a top-five commentary on Matthew). While the NIGTC is more scholarly than most other series, and requires at least some knowledge of Greek, D.A. Carson says it is still "remarkably accessible and includes a healthy mix of history, theology, social context, even warmth." By way of context, I have rudimentary knowledge of Greek (one year of university-level) and find that I am able to make my way through these commentaries, though with some difficulty at times

[Tim Matheson](#) (Ligonier) - In my opinion, R.T. France has not only written the best commentary on the Gospel of Matthew, he has also written the best commentary on the Gospel of Mark. The New International Greek Commentary series is technical and does require a knowledge of the Greek language. For those who need something less technical, I suggest the commentaries by Lane, Strauss, and Edwards listed below.

[A Theology of Mark's Gospel : Good News About Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God](#) by Garland, David E

[Cyril Barber](#) (this critique relates to the NIV Application Commentary by Garland) - The NIV Application Commentary. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1966. Possesses the criteria of a good lay person's commentary. Pays close attention to interpretative issues, and ably bridges the gap between the era of the NT Gentile church and our own time. Using the historic present tense, Garland causes the events in Christ's life to take on a vivid, contemporary flair. Footnotes direct the student to both primary and secondary source material.

[Mark : A Commentary on His Apology for the cross](#) by Gundry, Robert H.

[Cyril Barber](#) - This is one of the most detailed and technical commentaries on Mark's gospel, and according to the publishers, the fullest and most precise in any language. It stresses the literary features of the text, but also states that Mark's material stands somewhere toward the middle of the continuum between biography and mythology, between what is historically accurate and what is fictional. In approaching the text of Mark, Gundry turns from form- and redaction-criticism (both of which Gundry considers to be inappropriate when studying Mark) and treats the text as it stands. He pays close attention to a variety of literary devices: word order, chiasm, inclusio, asyndeton, and Mark's use of the historic present tense. This work is remarkable for its erudition. It will be consulted by scholars for years to come. It is also hoped that preachers will be able to cull information from its 1069 pages.

James Rosscup - Cf. Gundry on Matthew for his view about midrash. Here, again, he offers prolific bibliography (32 pp.) and commentary so prolonged that details at times are user unfriendly for many, and it can be hard to locate individual verses in the pages of "Notes." Gundry presents Jesus in His success yet in His self-denial and suffering unto the cross, a perspective so different from today's health-and-wealth idea of discipleship (cf. 2–3). Explanation of details is ponderous, giving the patient much to consider. Frequent statements may be grasped only by an inner circle of scholars (cf. the first note on 39), and some will recoil at misleading claims such as one that Mark's not mentioning disciples receiving the Spirit shows that Mark is "not interested in" this (38). A writer does not have to include every detail in which he has an interest! Gundry shows the future Second Advent context of certain predictions in Mark 13, but one must read with great alertness and sometimes re-reading to follow him. Overall, teachers, more studious pastors, and advanced students will find much stimulation in the thorough comments, as on issues in 4:26–29.

[Mark : a Self-Study guide](#) by Jensen, Irving - Master teacher in the area of inductive Bible study, therefore worth checking.

[Studies in the Gospel of Mark](#) by Kent, Homer Austin

[Book of Mark : a life-changing story](#) by Lucado, Max

[Mark : a new translation with introduction and commentary](#) (The Anchor Bible) Mann, Christopher Stephen.

Cyril Barber - The author boldly champions the priority of Matthew and Luke, but errs in assuming that Mark's gospel is merely a digest of the former two. His Introduction is very thorough, and should stimulate fresh discussion on the theme of this gospel. Valuable philological data is included from a variety of sources, and O'Callahan's thesis is tested in the discussion of 6:53-56 and elsewhere. The comments on the text are very brief, but the notes are full and have bibliographic references interspersed throughout. Of particular value to seminarians.

James Rosscup - **Basically a liberal work** but often profitable in technical aspects and thoroughness. He surveys scholarly thinking on Mark and reviews approaches of recent years. His bibliographies are valuable, and he frequently has good input on Greek grammar, words, customs in Jesus' day, etc. In his mind, Mark is the third gospel to be written, and all three synoptics date before A. D. 70.

[Mark : the humanity of Christ](#) by MacArthur, John - Only 132 pages - This is not his full commentary on the Gospel of Mark. (His [sermons below](#) closely parallel his commentary on Mark).

[Mark, evangelist and theologian](#) by Martin, Ralph P

Cyril Barber - A scholarly assessment of the scope of Mark's gospel with a suggestion for a new purpose and Sitz im leben.

[The Communicator's Commentary. Mark](#) by McKenna, David L. (Now published as Preacher's Commentary Series) Generally helpful for preaching and teaching.

[The Expositor's Bible Commentary](#) - 1994 edition - Abridged - New Testament

[The Gospel according to Mark](#) C F D Moule (1965)

[The Servant Who Rules](#) Mark 1-8 by Stedman, Ray C Always worth consulting his practical sound commentary.

[Cyril Barber](#) - An impressive treatment of [Mark 1:1-8:26](#). Stedman stands in the tradition of Merrill Unger when it comes to hermeneutics and the application of the text to life. In this work Christ is presented as the believer's model, and through the unfolding of each scene in the narrative, Stedman shows how that may be accomplished. Recommended.

[The Ruler Who Serves](#) Commentary on Gospel of Mark by Stedman, Ray C. Always worth consulting his practical sound commentary. This work is volume 2 on Mark 8:27-16:20.

[Cyril Barber](#) - A beautiful, thematic exposition of Mark 8:27-16:20. Well deserving of a place in every preacher's library. Warmly recommended

[General Articles. Matthew. Mark](#) by Turlington - Broadman Bible Commentary

[Mark : a Study Guide commentary](#) by Vos, Howard Frederic

[Cyril Barber](#) - A well-reasoned, thematic study that proves again that sometimes the most valuable things come in small packages. Of great value to laypeople who desire to obtain a good grasp of this material.

[Interpreting the Parables](#) by Blomberg, Craig

[Chronological and Background Charts of the NEW TESTAMENT - Pdf](#) - D Wayne House - outstanding compilation of charts - check this one out!. This book can also be borrowed = [Chronological and background charts of the New Testament](#)

STUDY BIBLES - ONE VOLUME COMMENTARIES OF ENTIRE BIBLE, BIBLE DICTIONARIES, GENERAL REFERENCE WORKS

Note: The first 4 resources have no time restriction and allow copy and paste function:

(1) [KJV Bible Commentary](#) - Hindson, Edward E; Kroll, Woodrow Michael. Over 3000 pages of the entire OT/NT. Well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective. Pre-millennial. [User reviews](#) - it generally gets 4/5 stars from users. - [372 ratings](#)

Very well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective [user reviews](#)

The King James Version Bible Commentary is a complete verse-by-verse commentary. It is comprehensive in scope, reliable in scholarship, and easy to use. Its authors are leading evangelical theologians who provide practical truths and biblical principles. Any Bible student will gain new insights through this one-volume commentary based on the timeless King James Version of the Bible.

(2) [The King James Study Bible Second Edition](#) 2240 pages (2013) (Thomas Nelson) General Editor - Edward Hindson with multiple contributing editors. . [3,194 ratings](#). Pre-millennial. See [introduction on How to Use this Study Bible](#)

(3) [NKJV Study Bible: New King James Version Study Bible](#) (formerly "The Nelson Study Bible - NKJV") by Earl D Radmacher; Ronald Barclay Allen; Wayne H House. 2345 pages. (1997, 2007). Very helpful notes. Conservative. Pre-millennial. [917 ratings](#)

(4) [The Wycliffe Bible Commentary - only the New Testament](#) - Burdick, Donald W. "Mark," in Wycliffe Bible Commentary, ed. C. F. Pfeiffer and E. F. Harrison. Chicago: Moody, 1962. 1,525 pp. Strictly speaking not a study Bible, but short notes are similar. KJV text in left column, commentary notes in right column. The comments are generally verse by verse, short, conservative and to the point. Pre-millennial. (Borrow OT - [Wycliffe Bible Commentary](#))

Rosscup on Burdick's commentary - A careful New Testament scholar from Conservative Baptist Seminary, Denver, is the author. He has provided a solid, well-organized and knowledgeable study from a conservative, premillennial viewpoint. Though brief it is worth the time.

[The MacArthur Study Bible](#) - John MacArthur. Brief but well done notes

[ESV Study Bible](#) - Excellent resource but not always literal in eschatology and the nation of Israel

[HCSB Study Bible : Holman Christian Standard Bible](#) General Editor Jeremy Royal Howard (2010) 2360 pages. Conservative. Good notes. Include Holmans excellent maps.

[The David Jeremiah study bible](#) - (2013) 2208 pages. [Logos.com](#) - "Drawing on more than 40 years of study, Dr. David Jeremiah has compiled a legacy resource that will make an eternal impact on generations to come. 8,000 study notes. Hundreds of enriching word studies"50+ Essentials of the Christian Faith" articles."

[NIV Study Bible](#) - (2011) 2570 pages - Use this one if available as it has more notes than edition below. One hour limit

[NIV Study Bible](#) by Barker, Kenneth L; Burdick, Donald W (1995) 2250 pages. This is the first edition. This resource has been fully revised in 2020. One hour limit

[The Ryrie Study Bible](#) - Charles Ryrie (1978) 2142 pages. Conservative.

[The Defender's Study Bible : King James Version](#) by Morris, Henry M. Excellent notes for well known creationist.

[Believer's Bible Commentary](#) by MacDonald, William (1995) 2480 pages. Conservative. Millennial. Often has devotional bent.

Dr. John MacArthur, Jr. - "Concise yet comprehensive - the most complete single-volume commentary I have seen."

Warren Wiersbe - "For the student who is serious about seeing Christ in the Word."

[Life Application Study Bible](#): New Living Translation. Has some very helpful notes. [4,445 ratings](#)

[The Word in life Study Bible](#) - Very interesting format. **Not your routine study Bible**. Worth checking the very informative notes. (e.g., [here is a picture of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances](#).)

[New Bible Commentary](#) - (1994) [See user reviews](#)

[The Experiencing God Study Bible : the Bible for knowing and doing the will of God](#) - Blackaby, Henry (1996) 1968 pages - CHECK THIS ONE! Each chapter begins with several questions under the title "PREPARE TO MEET GOD." Then you will interesting symbols before many of the passages. The chapter ends with a "DID YOU NOTICE?" question. This might make a "dry chapter" jump off the page! Read some of the [48 ratings](#)

[Compact Bible commentary](#) by Radmacher, Earl D; Allen, Ronald Barclay; House, H Wayne, et al - 954 pages. [424 ratings](#) Multiple contributors to the comments which are often verse by verse. The comments are brief but meaty and can really help your study through a given book. A sleeper in my opinion.

[NIV archaeological study Bible](#) (2005) 2360 pages [950 ratings](#) (See also [Archaeology and the Bible - OT and NT](#))

[NIV cultural backgrounds study Bible. bringing to life the ancient world of scripture](#) Keener, Craig and Walton, John. Editors (2017)

[Evangelical Commentary on the Bible](#) - editor Walter Elwell (1989) 1239 pages. [User reviews](#).

[Eerdmans' family encyclopedia of the Bible](#) (1978) 344 pages

[Eerdmans' handbook to the Bible](#) (1983) 688 pages

[The Lion handbook to the Bible](#) - (1999) 822 pages. This resource is absolutely loaded with very nice color pictures and charts.

[Tyndale handbook of Bible charts & maps](#) by Wilson, Neil

[Bible handbook and A-Z bible encyclopedia](#)

[International children's Bible field guide : answering kids' questions from Genesis to Revelation](#) by Richards, Larry

[The illustrated guide to Bible customs & curiosities](#) by Knight, George W. (George William),

[Today's handbook of Bible times & customs](#) by Coleman, William L

[The Shaw pocket Bible handbook](#) - Editor - Walter Elwell (1984) 408 pages.

"This hardback is small in size but packed full of content: Brief summaries of every book of the bible, cultural, archaeological and historical info, word definitions, pictures, maps and charts." Worth checking!

[Unger's Commentary on the Old Testament \(Volume 2 - Isaiah - Malachi\)](#) by Unger, Merrill Frederick, 1909- (1981) 972 pages.

[Zondervan illustrated Bible backgrounds commentary](#) - New Testament - 552 pages. (2002) [See user reviews](#).

[The new Unger's Bible dictionary](#) by Unger, Merrill Frederick, 1909-

[Survey of the Bible : introductory insights, background studies, book-by- book survey](#) by Unger, Merrill Frederick

[The parallel New Testament and Unger's Bible handbook : produced for Moody monthly](#) by Unger, Merrill (1975) 744 pages [4 ratings](#)

[The Hodder Bible handbook](#) by Unger, Merrill

[Nelson's expository dictionary of the Old Testament](#) by Unger, Merrill

[Kregel Bible handbook : a full-color guide to every book of the Bible](#) by Kerr, William [3 ratings](#)

[The new encyclopedia of Christian quotations](#) by Water, Mark

[Zondervan handbook to the Bible](#)

[Zondervan illustrated Bible backgrounds commentary](#) - Matthew, Mark, Luke

[Dictionary of Biblical Imagery](#) - free for use online with no restrictions (i.e., you do not need to borrow this book). Editors Leland Ryken, J C Wilhoit, Tremper Longman III - This is a potential treasure chest to aid your preaching and teaching as it analyzes the meaning of a host of Biblical figures of speech. **Clue** - use the "One-page view" which then allows you to copy and paste text. One downside is there is no index, so you need to search 3291 pages for entries which are alphabetical.

[Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels](#)

[Dictionary of Paul and his letters](#) [180 ratings](#) IVP Series

[Dictionary of the later New Testament & its developments](#) [71 ratings](#) IVP Series

[Dictionary of New Testament background](#) [79 ratings](#) IVP Series

**MULTIPLE OTHER SERMONS
AND COMMENTARIES**

DANIEL AKIN - sermons

- [Mark 16:1-8 The Resurrection of the Great King](#)
- **Note that this message** ends with about 15 pages of discussion on the Authenticity of the Resurrection

HENRY ALFORD The New Testament for English Readers

James Rosscup writes that Alford's series on the New Testament "contains much that is valuable in the Greek New Testament...though all of the Greek New Testament words have been changed to English throughout." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

- [Mark 16 Commentary](#)

W C ALLEN

- [Mark Commentary](#)

JOSEPH A ALEXANDER

Spurgeon's critique - Alexander expounds Mark as an independent record, and does not constantly tell us to "see Matthew and Luke." Hence the book is complete in itself, and the author's learning and care have made it invaluable.

Hiebert - A comprehensive, conservative interpretation of Mark's gospel by a New Testament scholar who was one of the greatest of his day. Based on sound scholarship, the volume offers a careful unfolding of the meaning of the gospel text. Surprisingly fresh in spite of its age.

- [Commentary on the Gospel of Mark](#) - 488 pages

PAUL APPLE Commentary on the Gospel of Mark

- [Mark Commentary - 556 pages](#)

WILLIAM BARCLAY Commentary on the Gospel of Mark Daily Study Bible

[D Edmond Hiebert](#) - Prints the author's own translation. Valuable for its numerous helpful word studies and background material. Barclay holds that Christ's descent into Hades gave those who there heard Him a second chance.

Comment: I appreciate Barclay's unique insights on Greek words, but clearly his teaching about a "second chance" is NOT sound doctrine! Be an Acts 17:11 Berean with Barclay. [See discussion of his orthodoxy](#) especially the article "[The Enigmatic William Barclay](#)".

- [Mark 16 Commentary](#)

ALBERT BARNES Commentary on the Gospel of Mark Notes on the New Testament

- [Mark 16 Commentary](#)

BRIAN BELL Sermons on Mark

- [Mark 16](#) - sermon notes compiled

CHRIS BENFIELD SERMONS

- [Mark 16:1-8 Triumph at the Tomb](#)
- [Mark 16:1-8 The Glory in Resurrection -](#)
- [Mark 16:9-20 Commissioned with the Gospel -](#)

JOHANN BENGEL Gnomon of the New Testament

- [Mark 16 Commentary](#)

JOHANN BENDEL The Critical English Testament

Combination of Gnomon above + Comments by other expositors [in brackets] (Recommended if not conversant with Greek)

- [Mark 16 Commentary](#)

JOSEPH BENSON

- [Mark 16 Commentary](#)

BIBLE.ORG RESOURCES Resources that Reference Mark

- [Mark 16](#)

JIM BOMKAMP SERMONS

- [Mark 16:1-14 Jesus Christ Is Resurrected](#)
- [Mark 16:15-20 The Great Commission](#)

A B BRUCE The Expositor's Greek Testament Commentary

- [Mark 16 Commentary](#)

BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATOR Commentary

- [Mark 16](#)

WILLIAM BURKITT

- [Mark 16 Expository Notes with Practical Observations](#)

CAMBRIDGE GREEK TESTAMENT FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES Commentary on the Gospel of Mark

Rosscup writes - "This is an excellent liberal study of the book from the standpoint of the Greek. There are excellent cross-references on key words, and usually serious efforts to explain the meaning." (**Ed note:** The word "liberal" is cause for considerable discretion if you use this work by Alfred Plummer.)

- [Mark 16 Commentary](#)

CAMBRIDGE BIBLE FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES Commentary on the Gospel of Mark

- [Mark 16 Commentary](#)

JOHN CALVIN Commentary on the Gospel of Mark

Note: Calvin combines the synoptic Gospels and thus does not have a completely separate commentary on Mark

- [Mark 16 Commentary](#)

ALAN CARR Sermons on the Gospel of Mark - well done

- [Mark 16:1-8 The Message Of The Easter Angel](#)

RICH CATHERS Sermons

- [Mark 16:1-11](#)
- [Mark 16:12-15](#)
- [Mark 16:16-20](#)

D MARION CLARK Sermons - opens a Word Document

- [Mark 16.1-20 Resurrection!](#)

W A CRISWELL SERMONS ON GOSPEL OF MARK

- [Mark 16:1-8 This Same Jesus](#)

ADAM CLARKE Commentary on the Gospel of Mark [Click](#) for caveat on Clarke

- [Mark 16 Commentary](#)

THOMAS CONSTABLE Expository Notes and Commentary Conservative, Millennial

- [Mark 16 Commentary](#)

RON DANIEL Sermon Notes on the Gospel of Mark

- [Mark 15:40-16:20](#)

DEFENDER'S STUDY BIBLE Notes on the Gospel of Mark Dr Henry Morris

- [Mark 16](#)

DICTIONARY ARTICLES

- [Mark, theology of - Baker's Evangelical Dictionary](#)
- [Mark - Hastings' Dictionary of the New Testament](#)
- Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible [Mark \(John\)](#)
- [Mark, John - International Standard Bible Encyclopedia](#)
- Kitto Biblical Cyclopedia [John mark](#)
- The Nuttall Encyclopedia [Mark, John](#)
- Fausset Bible Dictionary [Mark, John](#)
- Holman Bible Dictionary [Mark, John](#)

DAN DUNCAN Gospel of Mark Sermons

- [The Women And The Empty Tomb Mark 16:1-8](#) Mp3
- [The Conclusion Of Mark Mark 16:9-20](#) Mp3

EARLY CHURCH

- Mark Commentary - [16](#)

J N DARBY

- [Mark 16 Synopsis](#)

JOHN DUMMELOW

- [Mark 16 Commentary](#)

EASY ENGLISH

- [Mark: Mark's Good News](#)

CHARLES ELLICOTT

- [Mark 16 Commentary for English Readers](#)

DWIGHT EDWARDS - pithy and practical

- [Mark Commentary](#)

WILLIAM EDWARDS, MD

- [On the Physical Death of Jesus Christ - Medical Article](#) from Journal of American Medical Association on crucifixion

EXPOSITOR'S DICTIONARY OF TEXTS Gospel of Mark

- [Mark 16 Commentary](#)

EXPOSITOR'S BIBLE COMMENTARY Gospel of Mark G A Chadwick

- [Mark 16 Commentary](#)

FEFC WICHITA - sermons series, several pastors - audio and notes (usually several pages)

- [Fear or Faith?: Mark 15:40-16:8](#)

DON FORTNER -

[Mark Sermon Outlines - 79 messages](#) - available titles:

- Mark 16:19-20 So Then.
- Mark 16:15-18 The Great Commission
- Mark 16:9-14 When Jesus Was Risen
- Mark 16:1-8 When The Sabbath Was Past
- [Discovering Christ in Mark - 771 page book](#)

A C GAEBELEIN

- [Mark 16 Commentary](#)

JOHN GILL

- [Mark 16 Exposition](#)

RICHARD GLOVER - "A Teacher's Commentary" - an older work (1884), but with excellent devotional comments

Review - Richard Glover (1837-1919) minister of Tyndale Baptist Church, Bristol has a very fine devotional commentary hidden under a bad title. "A Teachers Commentary on Matthew" (also a separate volume on Mark) is misleading, sounds D.O.A., and is easily passed over for something glossy. But as far as commentaries are concerned, Glover's title is one of his only weaknesses. Glover writes with a deceptively simple style. He meditates on the text in front of him, looks for the heart, feeling, and experimental sense, gives instructive hints primarily for meditation but is wholly quotable. In a word, he is a fine example of expository writing,

- [A Teacher's Commentary on the Gospel of Mark](#)

WILLIAM GODBEY

- [Mark 16 Commentary](#)

GOSPEL COALITION

- [Sermons on Mark - most Mp3](#)

GOTQUESTIONS - Related to the Gospel of Mark

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- Mark 16:16 - [Does Mark 16:16 teach that baptism is necessary for salvation?](#)

SCOTT GRANT Sermons

- [Mark 16:1-8 A New Day](#)
- [Mark 1:1-16:8 A Disciple's Story](#)

JAMES GRAY

- [Mark 16 - James Gray's Concise Commentary](#)

DAVE GUZIK Commentary on the Gospel of Mark

- [Mark 16 Commentary](#)

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THE RESURRECTION COMPARISON OF GOSPEL ACCOUNTS

EVENT	Mt 28:1-8	Mk 16:1-8	Lk 24:1-10	Jn 20:1-8
When?	At Dawn	Just after sunrise	Very early in the morning	While it was still dark
Who comes first?	Mary Magdalene and the other Mary	Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome	Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and others	Mary Magdalene
What do they find?	earthquake with angel who rolls back the stone	stone rolled away	stone rolled away	stone removed from the entrance

Whom do they see?	angel sitting on the stone	young man in white robe, sitting on the right	two men in clothes that gleamed like lightening	no one
What do they do?	ran to tell his disciples	fled from the tomb, afraid to say anything	told what had happened to the Eleven and others	ran to tell Peter and the disciple, the one Jesus loved
What happens next?	Jesus met them		Peter goes to the tomb to investigate	Peter and the other disciple investigate
What is the third scene?	guards report to chief priests and are bribed		story of two disciples on Emmaus road	Mary sees two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been

Harmony of the Gospel Accounts A T Robertson -

THE VISIT OF THE WOMEN TO THE TOMB OF JESUS ABOUT SUNRISE SUNDAY MORNING AND THE MESSAGE OF THE ANGELS ABOUT THE EMPTY TOMB - Mark 16:1-8, Mt 28:1-8, Lk 24:1-12, Jn 20:1-13 ([Harmony of the Gospels](#) - scroll down to page 280 for **Visit of Women to the Tomb...**)

Question - Can the various resurrection accounts from the four Gospels be harmonized?

Answer: The events surrounding Jesus' resurrection can be difficult to piece together. We must remember two things: first, the news of Jesus' resurrection produced much excitement in Jerusalem, and in the ensuing chaos many people were going many different directions. Groups were separated, and several different groups paid visits to the tomb, possibly more than once. Second, the writers of the Gospels did not attempt an exhaustive narrative; in other words, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John had no intention of telling us every detail of the resurrection or every event in the order that it happened.

In the battle with skeptics regarding Jesus' resurrection, Christians are in a "no-win" situation. If the resurrection accounts harmonize perfectly, skeptics will claim that the writers of the Gospels conspired together. If the resurrection accounts have some differences, skeptics will claim that the Gospels contradict each other and therefore cannot be trusted. It is our contention that the resurrection accounts can be harmonized and do not contradict each other.

However, even if the resurrection accounts cannot be perfectly harmonized, that does not make them untrustworthy. By any reasonable evaluation, the resurrection accounts from the four Gospels are superbly consistent eyewitness testimonies. The central truths - that Jesus was resurrected from the dead and that the resurrected Jesus appeared to many people - are clearly taught in each of the four Gospels. The apparent inconsistencies are in "side issues." How many angels did they see in the tomb, one or two? (Perhaps one person only saw one angel, while the other person saw two angels.) To how many women did Jesus appear, and to whom did He appear first? (While each Gospel has a slightly different sequence to the appearances, none of them claims to be giving the precise chronological order.) So, while the resurrection accounts may seem to be inconsistent, it cannot be proven that the accounts are contradictory.

Here is a possible harmony of the narratives of the resurrection of Christ and His post-resurrection appearances, in chronological order:

1. Jesus is buried, as several women watch (Matthew 27:57-61; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42).
2. The tomb is sealed and a guard is set (Matthew 27:62-66).
3. At least 3 women, including Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, prepare spices to go to the tomb (Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:1).
4. An angel descends from heaven, rolls the stone away, and sits on it. There is an earthquake, and the guards faint (Matthew 28:2-4).
5. The women arrive at the tomb and find it empty. Mary Magdalene leaves the other women there and runs to tell the disciples (John 20:1-2).
6. The women still at the tomb see two angels who tell them that Jesus is risen and who instruct them to tell the disciples to go to Galilee (Matthew 28:5-7; Mark 16:2-8; Luke 24:1-8).
7. The women leave to bring the news to the disciples (Matthew 28:8).

8. The guards, having roused themselves, report the empty tomb to the authorities, who bribe the guards to say the body was stolen (Matthew 28:11-15).
9. Mary the mother of James and the other women, on their way to find the disciples, see Jesus (Matthew 28:9-10).
10. The women relate what they have seen and heard to the disciples (Luke 24:9-11).
11. Peter and John run to the tomb, see that it is empty, and find the grave clothes (Luke 24:12; John 20:2-10).
12. Mary Magdalene returns to the tomb. She sees the angels, and then she sees Jesus (John 20:11-18).
13. Later the same day, Jesus appears to Peter (Luke 24:34; 1 Corinthians 15:5).
14. Still on the same day, Jesus appears to Cleopas and another disciple on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-32).
15. That evening, the two disciples report the event to the Eleven in Jerusalem (Luke 24:32-35).
16. Jesus appears to ten disciples—Thomas is missing (Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-25).
17. Jesus appears to all eleven disciples—Thomas included (John 20:26-31).
18. Jesus appears to seven disciples by the Sea of Galilee (John 21:1-25).
19. Jesus appears to about 500 disciples in Galilee (1 Corinthians 15:6).
20. Jesus appears to His half-brother James (1 Corinthians 15:7).
21. Jesus commissions His disciples (Matthew 28:16-20).
22. Jesus teaches His disciples the Scriptures and promises to send the Holy Spirit (Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:4-5).
23. Jesus ascends into heaven (Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:6-12). GotQuestions.org

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