

The Mysterious Messiah: The Gospel of Mark

Origins of Christianity

Outline

1. What is a Gospel
2. The Gospel of Mark
3. The Identity of Jesus

Terms

Genre	euangelion	Papias
Aramaic	Markan priority	Capernaum
Gerasene demoniac	Son of Man	Little apocalypse

Philippians, 2:6-11: An Early Hymn?

Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Romans 1:1-4: A Early Confessional Formula?

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and designated Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Priene Inscription (9 BC) in honor of Emperor Augustus

It seemed good to the Greeks of Asia, in the opinion of the high priest Apollonius of Menophilus Azanitus: "Since Providence, which has ordered all things and is deeply interested in our life, has set in most perfect order by giving us Augustus, whom she filled with virtue that he might benefit humankind, sending him as a savior, both for us and for our descendants, that he might end war and arrange all things, and since he, Caesar, by his appearance excelled even our anticipations, surpassing all previous benefactors, and not even leaving to posterity any hope of surpassing what he has done, and since the birthday of the god Augustus was the beginning of the evangelia for the world that came by reason of him."

Psalm 2: Enthronement Psalm

[1] Why do the nations conspire,
and the peoples plot in vain?

[2] The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and his anointed [messiah], saying,

[3] "Let us burst their bonds asunder,
and cast their cords from us."

[4] He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the LORD has them in derision.

[5] Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,

[6] "I have set my king
on Zion, my holy hill."

[7] I will tell of the decree of the LORD:
He said to me, "You are my son,
today I have begotten you.

[8] Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

[9] You shall break them with a rod of iron,
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

[10] Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

[11] Serve the LORD with fear,
with trembling

[12] kiss his feet,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way;
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.