

Getting to Know Mark's Gospel

Complete this worksheet by referring to *The Catholic Youth Bible*® and Mark's Gospel.

Part 1: Historical Criticism

1. According to "Quick Facts" in the introduction to the Gospel of Mark, who was Mark?

2. For whom was Mark writing his Gospel?

3. The following questions will make you aware of the clues in Mark that he was writing for this audience:

- a. What Jewish terms does Mark define for his readers in these verses?

Mark 7:2 _____ Mark 14:12 _____

- b. What Aramaic words does Mark translate in these verses?

Mark 5:41 _____ Mark 14:36 _____

- c. What Latin words does Mark use in these verses?

Mark 12:15 _____ Mark 15:39 _____

- d. In Mark 13:3 what geological feature does Mark locate for his audience, who wouldn't be familiar with Jerusalem?



5. Mark's Gospel is fast moving and action packed. He uses "immediately" or "at once" about forty times. Find three sentences in Mark that contain "immediately," and write them here:

6. Mark's sentences are simple. They are usually connected by *and* without subordinate clauses. Read Mark 6:30–33. Rewrite one of the childlike sentences in this passage with a more sophisticated structure:

