

Final Performance Task Options for Unit 2

Important Information for Both Options

The following are the main ideas that you are to understand from this unit. They should appear in this final performance task so your teacher can assess whether you learned the most essential content:

- Throughout the Gospel of Mark, Jesus tries to hide his identity as the Christ. This messianic secret is a unifying theme.
- Central to Mark's Christology is the image of Jesus as the Suffering Servant.
- Knowing the historical context and the structure of the Gospel of Mark helps when examining how Mark presents the life and teaching of Jesus.
- Mark's Gospel is fast moving, geared to its Gentile audience, and includes facts suggesting that Peter was a source.

Option 1: PowerPoint Presentation

Create a PowerPoint presentation that reflects the Gospel of Mark and its message. In your presentation, answer the following questions:

- Who is Jesus, according to Mark?
- How does Mark's audience affect the way Mark presents Jesus?
- What techniques are used to explain Jesus?
- What is Mark's literary style?
- What are the social and religious implications of Mark's message?

Make sure that your presentation includes these items:

- specific passages from the Gospel of Mark that support your answers to the questions above
- reference to the concepts of Christology, the messianic secret, and the synoptics
- photographs of modern activities, current events, and the like that reflect Mark's understanding of Jesus

Your PowerPoint presentation is to be no less than five slides but no more than ten. Any information presented other than from the Bible should be cited and documented properly. Your presentation must be 3 to 5 minutes long.

Option 2: Article for Wikipedia

Suppose you were asked to write an article about the Gospel of Mark for Wikipedia, an encyclopedia on the Internet. Draw on the understandings you acquired during this unit to compose a comprehensive overview of this Gospel. Include the following information in your article:

- the author, audience, origin, and purpose of the Gospel of Mark
- the Christology of the Gospel of Mark and the images of Jesus it presents
- how the intended audience of Mark's Gospel influenced the writing of it



- how the messianic secret and the synoptic problem are related to the Gospel of Mark
- literary characteristics of the Gospel of Mark
- social and religious implications of the Gospel of Mark

Your article should be two to three pages, typed, double-spaced. If you have researched information for your article, add a complete bibliography with your sources properly cited as a final page.

Wikipedia articles usually include images. Provide at least one piece of art or one photo to accompany your article.

