

SNAPSHOTS OF THE SERVANT OF GOD

Survey of the Gospel by Mark

Action. Involvement. Movement. Engagement. Service. The Gospel by Mark is a record of virtually non-stop activity carried out at a rapid-fire pace. The key term repeated over 40 times in this first account of the life of Jesus, the Servant of God, is *EUTHUS*, the Greek word for "immediately." Being the shortest of the four gospel accounts, Mark wastes neither time nor words as he portrays the Savior at work, continually serving others. The tone of the writer is practical, not mystical or philosophical, which had an appeal to the industrious Roman mind. The lack of emphasis on anything pertaining to the Jewish ancestry of Jesus makes good sense, since Mark's audience is mainly the Gentile reader. While others refer to Jesus as "Lord" and "King," Mark prefers "Master," again underscoring the vocabulary of a servant. Today, we step back and get an overview of the 16 chapters as we witness the Servant at work. As you can see on the horizontal chart (*reverse side*), the hinge of the book pivots on a single verse, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life a ransom for many" (10:45).

I. A Few Helpful Comments on Mark's Gospel

- Let's Meet the Writer: _____
- Let's Observe His Style: _____
 - Who does he have in mind?
 - What does he emphasize?
 - Why does he omit these things?

II. A Panoramic View of the Book

- The Servant _____ and _____ (1:1-13)
- The Servant _____ and _____ (1:14-8:30)
- The Servant _____ and _____ (8:31-15:47)
- The Servant _____ and _____ (16:1-20)

III. Application and Afterthoughts for Us Today

- If _____ is our model, then _____
- If _____ is our method, then _____
- If _____ are our ministry, then _____

WRITER:
John Mark (with Peter as a source)

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

DATE:

Earliest Gospel Account
(precise date uncertain—A.D. 50–70?)

PURPOSE:

To Encourage Suffering Believers
by Pointing Them to Jesus

TURNING POINT:

Mark 8:29–31

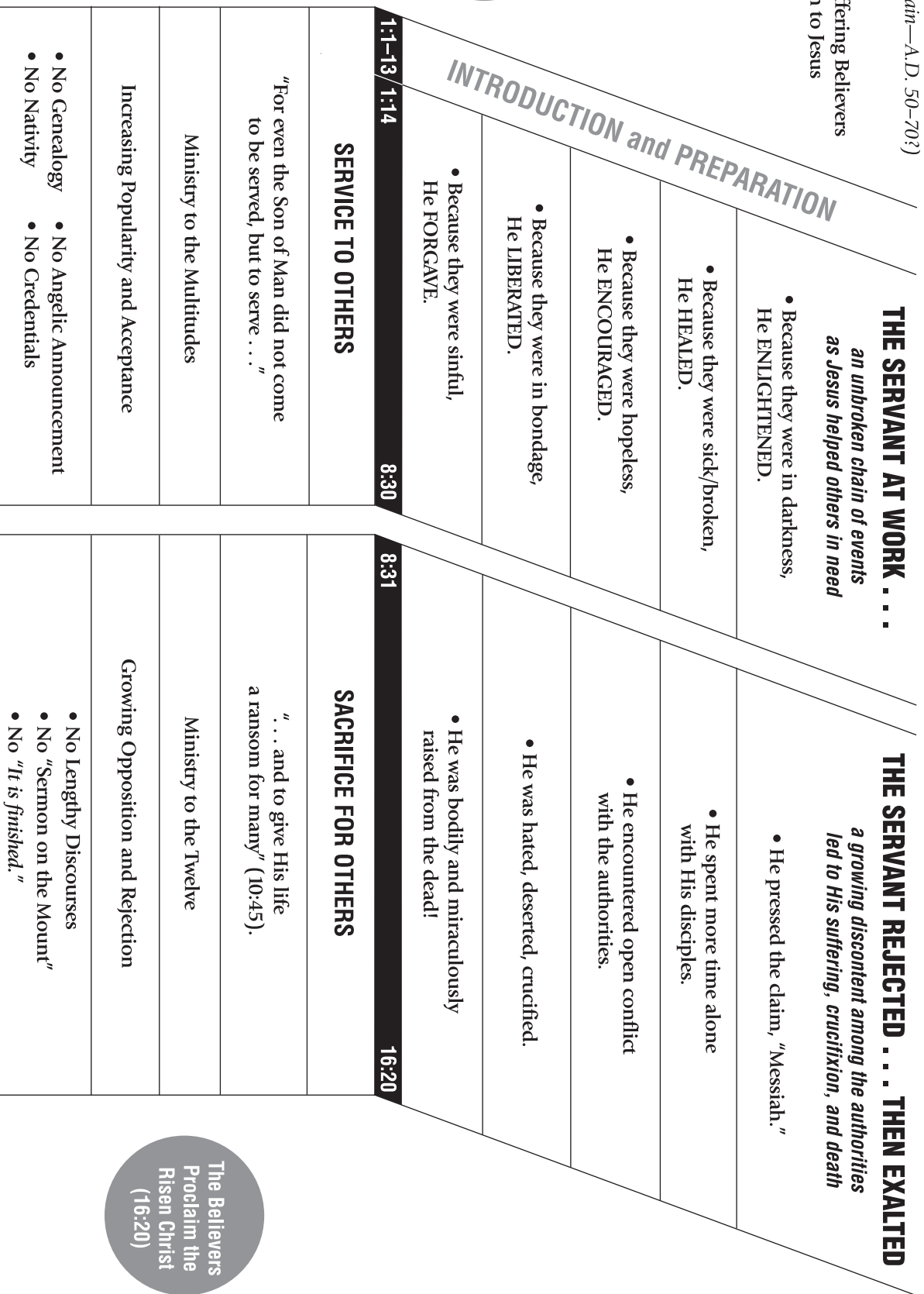
KEY VERSE:

Mark 10:45

KEY TERM:

“Immediately”

The Baptizer
Announces
the Coming
Christ
(1:7)



The Believers
Proclaim the
Risen Christ
(16:20)