

Mark's characteristics

Realism – disciples not understanding

Only here the Jesus = “carpenter” 6:3

Suffering emphasized: 8:31; 9:31; 10:33ff

Minor characters//disciples

3 boat scenes [boat [rebuke] + miracle]

1. **Stills storm** —why afraid + 3 miracle stories of folks who overcame fear: Gerasene demoniac, Jairus daughter, hemorrhaging woman; 4:40ff

2. **Walks on water**;--don't be afraid + Canaanite 7:26 woman overcomes obstacle → daughter healed; 6:45ff

3. **No bread/yeast**: rebuke of disciples 8:14, + deaf man healed before and blind man after 7:34 & 8:22ff

Centurion at the cross: gets it—Mk 15:39

End of book: women afraid 16:7f → personal fear

Question: Forgives sin – Mk 2

Is there ever a connection between sin and sickness?—give examples, 4 levels of sin/suffering

Question of Jesus “authority” and growing opposition: healing –yes; forgiving sin—woe, thoughts of opponents 2:6f;

Context of the story:

Why did Jesus switch from healing to forgiveness?

How is it true that forgiving sins is easier than healing? –a fortiori argument –theological positions

Sin – Sickness connection is there a connection? Yes/no, careful (balance) --Randy

Purposes of sickness: punishment, repentance, wisdom, obedience, humility, glory of God

Healing today?

Jesus acknowledges need for doctors (Mk. 2:17)

Paul acknowledges need for medicine 1 Tim 5:23

Not all sickness from sin: Jn. 9:2; Lk. 13:4f

Paul sick: 2 Cor 12:7—thorn in flesh

Job sick→ means of attaining knowledge

Keener's arguments for miracles today

Already: see Jesus healing folks; inauguration of the kingdom

Not yet: perfect state where sickness banished Rev. 21:4

Geographical Questions:

2 Geographical contradictions?—

1) Mark--Mk. 7:31 Tyre, cf. 2 Sam 24:6;

2) Gerasa--Mk. 5:1

Question: end of Mark 16

Endings of Mark: short, medium, long

Purpose of short ending finishes with fear of minor characters (women) 16:8

John Mark's personal history; disciples flee too (14:50f)

Church at Roman –fear and flight (audience)

The theological significance of the long ending? Be careful

Luke – Christ the Perfect Man

How do we know Luke wrote it?

"We" passages in Acts:

Picks him up 2MJ -51 AD at Troas to Philippi

Acts 16:10, (leaves him at Philippi)

On 3MJ picks him up at Philippi as Paul is returning to Jerusalem Acts 20:5, --2 years in Israel while Paul in prison in Caesarea

Goes with Paul on the voyage to Rome/Shipwreck Acts 27:2

Elimination procedure = Luke (Col. 4:12; 2 Tim 4:11)

Luke's Background

Question: Was Luke a Doctor?

Medical language? 4:38; 5:12

Josephus too;

Col 4:14—Paul calls him "beloved physician"

Luke Gentile or Jewish?

Gentile descent –

Jesus never speaks Aramaic

Hebrew names avoided (no Satan, Gethsemane or Golgotha), no hosannas