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BIOGRAPHICALLY

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Part 1

Story #2

JESUS WALKS ON WATER

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WHY EXPLORE THE BIBLE BIOGRAPHICALLY?

1. THE BIBLE IS FILLED WITH REAL PEOPLE, LIVING IN REAL PLACES, EXPERIENCING REAL LIFE ISSUES
2. WE CAN LEARN FROM HOW THEY DEALT WITH THEIR LIFE EXPERIENCES

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HISTORICAL	BIOGRAPHICAL
WHO?	WHO?
WHAT?	WHY?
WHEN?	WHEN?
WHERE?	WHERE?
WHY?	WHAT?

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1. WHO DO YOU WANT TO STUDY?
2. WHY DO YOU WANT TO STUDY THAT PERSON?
3. WHEN DID THAT PERSON LIVE (HISTORICAL SETTING)
4. WHERE DID THAT PERSON LIVE?
5. WHAT SHOULD WE KNOW ABOUT THAT PERSON?

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WHO ARE WE GOING TO STUDY?

WE WILL STUDY JOHN

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“Everyone needs a Paul, a Barnabas, and a Timothy in their life.”

(Dr. Howard G. Hendricks)

- Paul was a Mentor/Teacher
- Barnabas was an Encourager & Discipler
- Timothy needed to be taught, discipled, and encouraged

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JOHN'S EARLY LIFE

(Mark 14:51; Acts 11-13)

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GENTILES COME TO FAITH IN ANTIOCH (Acts 11:19-21)

BARNABAS CONTACTS SAUL AND THEY SPEND ONE YEAR TEACHING NEW BELIEVERS (Acts 11:25-26)

THE CHURCH IN ANTIOCH PREPARES TO SEND BARNABAS & PAUL WITH FINANCIAL GIFTS TO BELIEVERS IN JUDEA (Acts 11:27-30)

KING HEROD PUTS JAMES TO DEATH AND PUTS PETER IN PRISON (ACTS 12)

THE NIGHT BEFORE PETER'S TRIAL, AN ANGEL RELEASES HIM FROM PRISON (Acts 12)

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JOHN'S FAILURE & THE RESULTS

(Acts 15:36-41)

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JOHN'S EVENT OF LEAVING PAUL AND BARNABAS RESULTED IN A SPLIT BETWEEN PAUL & BARNABAS

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BARNABAS TAKES JOHN TO CYPRUS WHILE PAUL TAKES SILAS ON THE NEXT MISSIONARY JOURNEY

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JOHN'S IMPACT ON THE STORY OF THE BIBLE

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MARK BECAME AN ENCOURAGER TO THE APOSTLE PAUL

- My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas. (You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.) (Colossians 4:10)
- And one thing more: Prepare a guest room for me, because I hope to be restored to you in answer to your prayers.
- 23 Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends you greetings. 24 And so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas and Luke, my fellow workers. (Philemon 22–24, NIV)
- 9 Do your best to come to me quickly, 10 for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. 11 Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. (2 Timothy 4:9–11, NIV)

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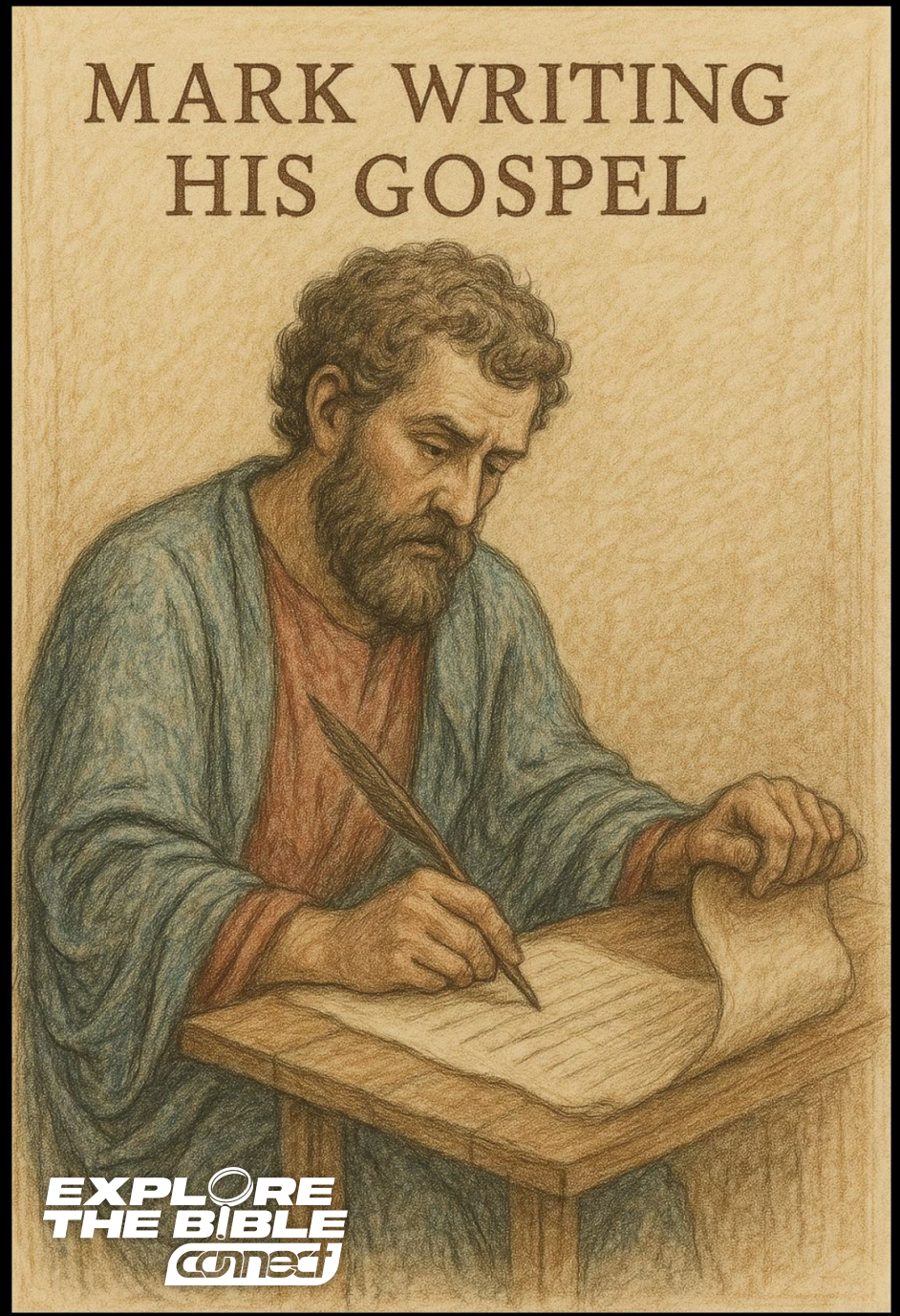

JOHN MARK BECAME THE WRITER OF THE FIRST GOSPEL – THE GOSPEL OF MARK (EARLY 50s AD)

THE UNIQUENESS OF THE GOSPEL OF MARK

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1. IT IS THE FIRST OF THE FOUR GOSPELS
2. IT IS WRITTEN TO THE GENTILES
3. ITS FOCUS IS ON JESUS THE SERVANT
4. IT IS A GOSPEL OF ACTION, FAST-PACED (The word, “immediately” is found between 35-42 times, depending On the translation)

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MARK'S LATER LIFE

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1. WENT TO ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT AROUND 50-60 AD
2. LED MANY PAGANS TO CHRIST
3. STARTED THE FIRST COPTIC CHURCH
4. MARTYRED LATER BY PAGANS

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FREE TOOLS

1. www.blueletterbible.org
2. www.biblehub.com
3. www.youversion.org
4. www.biblegateway.org
5. AI PROGRAMS
    a. ChatGPT
    b. Gemini
    c. Co-Pilot
    d. Claude

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LESSONS FROM JOHN MARK

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1. GOD CAN USE FAILURES OF THE PAST TO MATURE US
2. GOD BRINGS OTHERS INTO OUR LIVES FOR THE PURPOSE OF MATURITY

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3. NEVER ALLOW PAST NEGATIVE REMARKS TO LIMIT WHAT GOD WANTS TO DO THROUGH YOU

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TOOLS FOR PURCHASE

1. STUDY BIBLES (NET STUDY BIBLE, THE TONY EVANS STUDY BIBLE, THE CHARLES C. RYRIE STUDY BIBLE, THE CHUCK SWINDOLL STUDY BIBLE, THE DAVID JEREMIAH STUDY BIBLE.
2. BIBLE DICTIONARIES & ENCYCLOPEDIAS
3. RELIABLE COMMENTARIES
4. CULTURAL STUDY BIBLES
5. BIBLE ATLASES & MAPS
6. www.logos.com

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- TODAY I AM A “PAUL” TO THOSE WHO WANT TO BE TAUGHT THE SCRIPTURES
- TODAY I AM ALSO A “BARNABAS” WHO ASKS THE LORD DAILY, “WHO CAN I ENCOURAGE TODAY?”
- TODAY I AM ALSO A TIMOTHY UNDER THE POWER AND TEACHING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN MY LIFE
- WHO ARE YOUR PAULS, BARANABASES, AND TIMOTHYS IN YOUR LIFE TODAY?

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