

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

"Let no man despise thy youth"—I. Timothy 4:12

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BIBLE STUDY

(H. C. Mullen)

The Gospel of Mark, presenting Jesus as God's Servant

Lesson I. Introductory. Noting following hints, please begin to read the Gospel through.

I. The Author—

Little is known of the author of this Gospel. Adam Clark is authority for the following: "John Mark was the son of a pious woman called Mary, who dwelt at Jerusalem. She was an early believer, and the disciples used to meet at her house. The first mention of John Mark assures us of Peter's intimacy in that family. It is almost universally allowed that the Mark mentioned by Peter, I. Peter 5:13, is this evangelist, and that he is the same with him who is called sister's son to Barnabas, Col. 4:10, and is supposed to have been converted by Peter to the Christian faith."

We find his name connected with Paul and Barnabas in Acts 12:25. Later Mark was the cause of a slight difference between these men (Acts 15:37-39) but Paul and he later became fully reconciled as appears in 2 Tim. 4:11. Some have supposed that Mark was a secretary to St. Peter and wrote the gospel at his dictation.

II. Purpose and Plan—

The keynote is "Behold Thy Servant."

There is evidence that this Gospel was written for the Romans as Matthew was written for the Jews. That it was written for a Gentile people is shown by the fact that all Jewish ordinances and ceremonies were carefully explained (Chap 7:1-4) which would not have been necessary if written to Jews.

The ideal of the Roman was power. A world-conqueror, who like Caesar could subdue all nations and form them into a great empire, would naturally appeal to them. It appears that the purpose of the writer of this gospel was to present to the Roman mind just such an Almighty Worker and Conqueror.

We notice in this study that Jesus proves himself a conqueror in every realm. Men and devils, nature, sickness, wind and waves, obey His commands.

This is the Gospel of the works of Christ rather than of His sermons. No genealogy is given, nor does Mark try to prove the deity of Christ. The Roman cared little whence a man came, so long as he had power. They worshipped power expressing itself in action. With a very brief introduction we are rushed into the midst of miracles and are nervously hurried from one miraculous event to another. Before one is well out of the way another is approaching. Characteristic words convey the idea of rapid conquest. Note these carefully and mark them. One of these words is the key-word of the whole Gospel.

Questions for research and discussion:

1. Find scripture references to Mark.
2. To what people was this Gospel probably written?
3. What particular word characterizes the whole book?
4. Why did Mark carefully explain Jewish customs?
5. Did Mark try to prove the deity of Christ?

CONTINUATION OF BIBLE STUDY

The first lesson on the study of the Gospel of Mark is presented in this issue. We are grateful to Brother Mullen for his kindness in consenting to lead us in this study, and feel confident that his articles will be highly profitable to us.

Congratulations are due Wilbur Mullen, whose paper on the Gospel of Matthew was chosen the prize essay. His paper is an excellent treatise on the "Gospel of Fulfillment," one that could not be prepared without hours of faithful labour. We are sorry that the length of the essay makes the publication in full impossible, but even the articles that are being published in the Y. P. Page, although only a brief abridgement of the original treatise, is a splendid synopsis of the Gospel study. Surely Brother Wilbur is fully deserving of our hearty congratulations, and also of the prize he shall receive.

Besides the essay which was selected as best, there were several others, all of which were splendid on the book studied. Rev. F. A. Dunlop, who prepared the lessons on Matthew, and judged the essays, said: "The papers were all unusually good, and showed careful study and research on the part of those who wrote." So we not only congratulate Brother Mullen, but all those who have done such good work. Now, as we take up the study of the second Gospel, let us have an even larger number studying with us. The response in the study of the first series of lessons was very gratifying, and we trust it shall not be less in this second series. We would welcome letters of inquiry and comment from those participating in the study.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

A denominational young people's rally, sponsored by our Young People's Association, in its co-operation with Rev. H. S. Dow and our Moncton church, will be held at Moncton Thanksgiving week-end, Oct. 6-9. There will be a number of speakers present, and a great time of blessing and benefit is assured to all who will attend. Remember this Convention is not a district meeting, but is open to the young people of our denomination as a whole. Every Society of every district is invited to send representatives, and if there is no Society in your church, you are invited to come just the same. The kind people of our Moncton church have offered to entertain all delegates attending. The Convention will be under the leadership of our new president, Rev. Gordon R. Symonds, who will be assisted by several others in bringing messages. One of the features of the meeting will be a "Question Box" service, conducted by Brother Dow, and held on Saturday afternoon. This is sure to be a very profitable meeting. Let us rally to the support of this undertaking. We hope that automobiles, loaded with young folk who enjoy a time of spiritual blessing, will come from "the north south, east and west," for this last general gathering of this nature for the season.

Remember the place—Moncton, at the Reformed Baptist Church, 45 Archibald St.

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NOTICE

Will all who are coming to the Young People's Convention at Moncton, Oct. 6th to 10th, please notify Mr. Harold Mitton, 22 Willow St., Moncton, N. B. Thanks.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Young People:

For the benefit of the young people who were not privileged to attend Riverside Camp this year, I have been asked to write a short account of the Y. P. services held there.

Our young people took an active interest in all the meetings of the Camp. Many of them were present at every early morning prayer service held in the Tabernacle. Also, the young people held a special prayer meeting in the dormitory each day, and these were likewise very well attended, most of those present taking part in prayer for the Camp-meeting and the salvation of the unsaved everywhere.

Both the Y. P. prayer meetings and the regular four o'clock meetings were in charge of Mrs. F. A. Watson, who proved to be a great help and blessing to the young people. The afternoon services were well attended, and were times of spiritual uplift.

The evangelist, Rev. W. M. McGuire, brought a special message to the young people in one of the afternoon meetings, and this was very helpful. Our own young people also brought good talks which were inspiring. Special songs rendered in the Spirit contributed much to our services.

From our meeting together at Riverside, we, as young people, felt more encouraged to press onward and upward in the great battle for the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

Yours in Christ,

ELAINE H. JENSEN

Greetings in the Name of Jesus!

In response to the request of the Editor of the Young People's Page for Re-Society Letters, we will attempt to give you a brief outline of our work in Moncton.

We are experiencing real times of blessing and refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and are beginning to realize more and more that "In His presence is fulness of joy, and at His right hand are pleasures forever more."

Thus far, in most of our Young People's meetings we have had one of the members give a short message. This has been very profitable not only to those that hear, but also to the individual speaking, making him more skilful with "the Sword of the Spirit."

We are definitely planning, by the help of God, to have something new and inspirational each Young People's night. One night will be given to evangelism, another to missionary work, the third night of the month to Bible study, and the last for open discussion and question box. Please pray for us in this undertaking.

In connection with our Society, we have formed a Gospel Band which is endeavoring to spread Full Salvation to hungry souls. We have held a few street meetings and some have raised their hands for prayer. For this we humbly thank the Lord.

Prayerfully anticipating a wonderful Young