

An outline for two 10-session studies of:
The Creator of Christianity
a commentary on the Gospel of Mark
Book and Study Outline by Gene W. Marshall

The discussion questions for these 20 one-hour study sessions are built into the text of the book. Here is a recommended study plan: The discussion leader ask one person to read aloud the Mark text, then ask several others to read aloud the paragraphs commentary for that text down to the first set of discussion questions. The discussion leader then asks the first of those questions seeking only 3 or 4 answers or doing a go-round (every person answering) if appropriate for the use of time. If there is a next question, repeat this process. Drop a question if time is short. After discussing each set of questions, continue by having read aloud the text to the next set of discussion questions. Leave a few moments at the end of the session for reflection on the whole hour.

Prior to the session, the discussion leader needs to plan the time allotment for each discussion question so as to complete the suggested lesson plan within the hour meeting.

It is also important is to assist every person to participate. Use at least one go-round if the group is small. The leader may, of course, envision other ways of adapting this material for his or her situation.

Following is an outline 20 one-hour sessions. Each session only uses of 6 to 8 pages of the commentary. This small amount of text is recommended to allow for careful consideration and ample discussion within one hour. So planned, this book can be taught in two courses of 10 one-hour sessions. Each 10-session course might be done in 10 weekly meetings or in a Friday night through Sunday morning weekend. Other arrangements can also be imagined.

Course One

- Session 1: The Introduction
- Session 2: Mark 1:1-13
- Session 3: Mark 1:14-31
- Session 4: Mark 1:32--2:20
- Session 5: Mark 2:21-3:34
- Session 6: Mark 4:1-41
- Session 7: Mark 5:1--6:13
- Session 8: Mark 6:14-56
- Session 9: Mark 7:1--8:21
- Session 10: Mark 8:22--9:10

Course Two

- Session 11: Mark 9:11-50
- Session 12: Mark 10:1-34
- Session 13: Mark 10:35--11:33
- Session 14: Mark 12:1-44
- Session 15: Mark 13:1-37
- Session 16: Mark 14:1-26
- Session 17: Mark 14:27-42
- Session 18: Mark 14:43-65
- Session 19: Mark 14:66--15:39
- Session 20: Mark 15:40-16:8 & Afterword