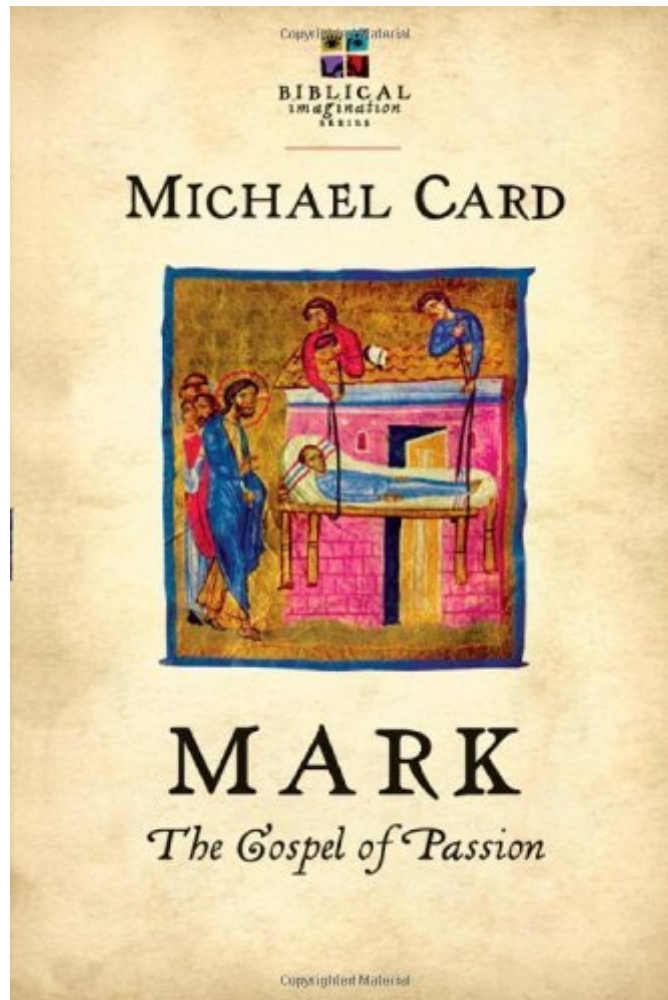


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Synopsis

"Follow Me," Jesus told them, "and I will make you into fishers of men!" Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. --Mark 1:17-18

The Gospel of Mark is a book of action and passion. Events happen one after another, with a vivid sense of immediacy and urgency. Jesus' emotions come through strongly--at times he is angry and distressed, other times filled with compassion. In this volume, Michael Card provides a lively tour of the Gospel of Mark. As a friend and interpreter of Simon Peter, Mark gives firsthand glimpses of the life and ministry of Jesus in vibrant and energetic narration. The first Gospel to be written, Mark is a "pamphlet for hard times," encouraging Christians that all their sufferings were already endured by Jesus. Accompany Mark on his journey with Jesus. The more clearly you see Jesus here, the greater your passion will be for him.

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Customer Reviews

This is an excellent and unusual commentary on the book of Mark. Many will recognize the author as a marvelous musician and have loved his music. I recall a devotional given by Card at a Gaither

Praise gathering some years ago. It revealed his deep faith and knowledge. Reading Mark: The Gospel of Passion has further impressed me. Card is a diligent and creative student of scripture. He offers many valuable insights about the gospel of Mark. An introduction tells us who Mark is followed by a chapter on the themes in the gospel of Mark. The rest of the book presents each chapter of Mark and Card's commentary. This 200 page book is easy to read and insightful. I learned that Mark received his information from Peter and is simply writing everything he remembers; he doesn't have an agenda, he just tells the story. Card gives evidence verifying the relationship between Peter and Mark. He also comments on the location of various events. For example he suggests that the Last Supper was held in Mark's house. In every chapter Card gives the reader a clear understanding of how Mark arranged the chapter and why. It surprised me to realize that Jesus is quite passionate in Mark's gospel, hence the subtitle. Card documents the emotional words of Jesus. He notes also that Mark generally does not record the teachings of Jesus but rather his actions. I like the fact that Card includes the Scripture within the book so the reader can grasp the text before he comments and without stopping to look it up. This is a book that can be read and reread and studied over and over again.

I just finished reading this book with our Bible Study group. We all enjoyed it very much and found Michael's commentary to be extremely helpful and easy to read. I liked that the book included the entire text of the Gospel (minus the very end which is assumed to be an add on from a later writer) so I didn't have to carry around the book and my Bible. It's a nice setup where you read a gospel passage and then Michael writes his commentary for that passage. Our Bible Study group also found that Michael Card has a video on the Gospel of Mark at the Day of Discovery website. It was an added bonus to include the video, which showed Michael at actual Biblical locations in Israel, along with our reading of the book.

A great study of the book of Mark which will leave you wondering how you missed that before. Very good contextual information

In many ways the Gospel of Mark has always been my favorite Gospel although I couldn't have told you why that was so. The author says that Peter virtually dictated his remembrance of Jesus and his ministry to Mark as he was waiting in prison. The persecutions were going on and the times were very difficult for the Christians. So this commentary helped me feel the passion of Peter for Christ. I had always been puzzled by Jesus' impatience with the apostles and with the people who

came to him to be healed. Card reconstructs Jesus' ministry and explains how Jesus' limited time meant he had a deadline to meet and had to hurry the apostles along. In chapter 8 it all resolves and you feel the joy Jesus feels at the apostles finally understanding his mission. Peter brings the personality of Jesus alive in way none of the other Gospels do. After reading Mark with Card as my guide I feel I know the human personality of Jesus as never before.

Michael Card really helps you to read the gospels with your imagination which helps with understanding the writer and the message.

Michael Card is such a versatile person. He is a great songwriter and performer and sower of the Word in his performances. This was my first encounter with him as an author. I got some perspectives of Jesus and his ministry from this book that I had never encountered before. It made Jesus really come alive and the reader is able to see some of what the human side of Jesus dealt with and made clear some confusing scripture that had not previously been grasped completely.

The entire Gospel series that Michael Card writes along with the accompanying music is phenomenal. I feel draw closer to the Savior as a result of looking at the Gospels, which I have read many times, through the eyes and mind of the author. These books should be required reading at all Bible Colleges and Universities. Well done!

Great book on Mark. This author writes in a way that is easy to understand. He has written books on the other Gospels and I recommend them all.

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