

Basic Training in the Bible

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Fact about the New Testament

In order for a book to “make the cut” they must fulfill the following criteria:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Tidbits about Mark

- “Immediately”: _____ times
- “And again”: _____ times
- Written around A.D. _____
- Author: _____
- Mark, a winged lion

- Themes:
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____

- Why write a book during “a killing time” in Rome?

- 1st gospel written and primary source for _____ and _____

First Half (Act 1): Who is Jesus?

Middle (Intermission): Jesus answers both questions (aka clearing up the confusion)

Second Half (Act 2): How is Jesus the Messianic King?

Abrupt ending:

*“Is this Jesus really the Messiah?”
“Will I run away or will I actually go share this good news?”*

Another way to structure Mark

- **Prologue:** Introduction to Jesus and the Kingdom (1:1-15)
 - **Part 1:** Kingdom of God goes public – disciples, crowds, and opposition (1:16-3:6)
 - **Part 2:** The mystery of the Kingdom – faith, misunderstand, hard hearts (3:7-8:2)
 - **Part 3:** The Mystery Unveiled – The cross and the Way of Discipleship (8:22-10:45)
 - **Part 4:** The King comes to Jerusalem to die (10:46-15:47)
 - **Epilogue:** The story is not over (16:1-8)

Reading Plans

OPTION 1

Entire book

3 chapters a day, 5x (plus one chapter one day)

Option 2

Entire book WHILE listening to NLT version (they act it out)

In one sitting OR over five days