

The Who, When, and Why of Mark's Gospel

Review the authorship, date, and purpose of Mark's Gospel.

Authorship—how do we know Mark wrote this Gospel?

No internal biblical proof exists, but there is a considerable body of external evidence, including the testimony of church fathers. List the church fathers who refer to Mark's gospel and the approximate period in history they lived and wrote:

Date—when was the Gospel of Mark written?

Mark's Gospel was written approximately _____.

He obtained most of his material from _____, who died around _____.

Purpose—why did Mark write his Gospel?

Although Mark's Gospel neither offers an apologetic nor states a clear purpose for his writing, we can draw our own conclusions about his purpose from the material itself and our knowledge of the historical setting of the book. Explain what can be known about Mark's purpose for writing his Gospel.
