

Reading Mark, Preaching Mark: A Bibliography

Commentaries

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- Gundry, R H, *Mark: A Commentary on His Apology for the Cross*. (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1993): A massive two-volume commentary by a leading Evangelical scholar. Gundry emphasises the evangelistic concerns of Mark.
- Healy, M, *The Gospel of Mark*. CCSS. (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2012): clear and concise with a more theological interest. Healy makes some interesting connections to the liturgy and the RC catechism.
- Hooker, M D, *The Gospel according to St Mark*. Black's New Testament Commentaries (London: A & C Black, 1991): a classic and accessible commentary from a leading Cambridge New Testament scholar (see also the wonderfully brief 'The Message of Mark').
- Lane, W L, *The Gospel of Mark*. The New International Commentary on the New Testament (Cambridge: Eerdmans, 1974): 'It was for a long time the standard evangelical commentary on Mark but is now somewhat dated' (D.A. Carson, New Testament Commentary Survey (Baker,2013), 52).
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- Moloney, F. J., *The Gospel of Mark*. (Peabody: Hendrickson, 2002): Solid critical commentary from an RC scholar.
- Myers, C., *Binding the Strong Man*, (Maryknoll: Orbis, 1988; reissue 2008): a stimulating and sometimes challenging political reading of Mark, drawing on contemporary scholarship and betraying the influence of Dorothy Day, Daniel Berrigan and the Catholic Worker movement.
- Nineham, D, *The Gospel of St Mark* (Harmondsworth: Pelican, 1963): '...writes in a happily destructive vein. He is stimulating but irritating, owing to a penchant to read behind the passage rather than the passage itself, and sometimes to read in defiance of the passage' (D.A. Carson, New Testament Commentary Survey (Baker,2013), 54).

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Stein, R *Mark*. BECNT. (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2008): a careful and critical reading of the gospel from a redaction-critical perspective.

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Some Other Books

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- Burridge, R *What are the gospels? A Comparison with Graeco-Roman Biography*. Second Edition. (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2004).
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- Fenton, J *Finding the Way through Mark* (London: Mowbray, 1995).
- Hays, R B *Reading Backwards: Figural Christology and the Fourfold Gospel Witness* (Waco, TX: Baylor, 2014).
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- Hooker, M D *Endings: Invitations to Discipleship* (London: SCM Press, 2003).
- Levine, A-J *A Feminist Companion to Mark* (London: Continuum, 2001).
- Malbon, E S *In the Company of Jesus: Characters in Mark's Gospel* (London: WJK, 2000).
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- Oden, T C *The African Memory of Mark: Reassessing Early Church Tradition* (Leicester: IVP, 2011)
- Rhoads, D *Reading Mark, Engaging the Gospel* (Minneapolis: Fortress, 2004).
- Roskam, H N *The Purpose of Mark's Gospel in its Historical and Social Context* (Leiden: Brill, 2004).
- Samuel, S *A Postcolonial Reading of Mark's Story of Jesus* (London: T & T Clark, 2007).
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- Watts, R E *Isaiah's New Exodus and Mark* (Tubingen: Mohr Siebeck, 1997).
- Williams, R *Meeting God in Mark* (London: SPCK, 2014).
- Winn, A *The Purpose of Mark's Gospel: An Early Christian Response to Roman Imperial Propaganda* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2008).
- Wright, N T *How God Became King: The Forgotten Story of the Gospels* (New York: HarperOne, 2012).

There is a wealth of resource material catalogued by the NT Gateway <www.ntgateway.com>, and some concise and sensible audio scholarship on the NT Pod www.podacre.blogspot.com