



THE CHRIST & SON OF GOD

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

What do we know?

“Mark became Peter’s interpreter and wrote accurately all that he remembered...of the things said or done by the Lord. For Mark had not heard the Lord, nor had he followed him, but later on, as I said, followed Peter, who used to give teaching as necessity demanded...” (Papias, in Eusebius, 3.39.15)

John Mark

Acts 12.12

...he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John who was called Mark

Barnabas / Saul

Acts 12.25

Barnabas and Saul returned to Jerusalem, taking along John called Mark.

With Peter in Rome

1 Pet 5.13

...sends you greetings, as does Mark, my son.





Mark 1.1

WHAT IS A GOSPEL?

“The beginning of the gospel of Jesus: the Christ and the Son of God”



Mark 1.1

WHAT IS A GOSPEL?

“...so the birthday of a god marked for the world the beginning of the *gospel* through his coming” Prienne Calendar

How to Read a Gospel:

As *Mark*, not as part of a larger “Franken-Gospel.”
God has given us *exactly* what he wants us to
have, and that is not Tatian’s *Diatessaron*.

Horizontally

Comparing the
other Gospels to see
where Mark focuses.

Vertically

Reading Mark alone
so that we can see
where Mark focuses.



Mark's Theology



Christ

“The Gospel of Jesus the Christ, the son of God” (1.1)



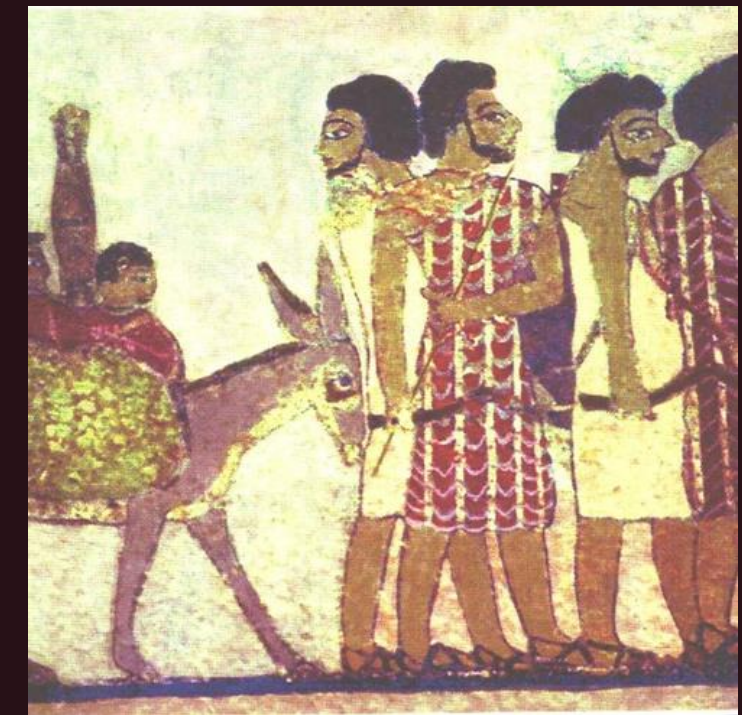
Son of God

“Truly, this man was the Son of God” (15.39_



King

“The time is fulfilled, the Kingdom of God has come near” (1.15)



Slave

“The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve...” (10.45)



Mark 1.1–8

Isaiah the Prophet

Exodus 23.20; Mal 3.1; Isa 40.3

He Came Baptizing

1 Kgs 17.2–3; 18; Zcr 13.4

Water, Holy Spirit

Joel 2; Acts 2



Mark 1.9–11

Tearing

Isa 64.1; Test. Levi, 18.6–8 (cf. Isa 49.3–6)

Son

Psa 2.7; Exd 4.22–23

Beloved

Gen 22.2, 12, 16; 2 Sam 12.24–25

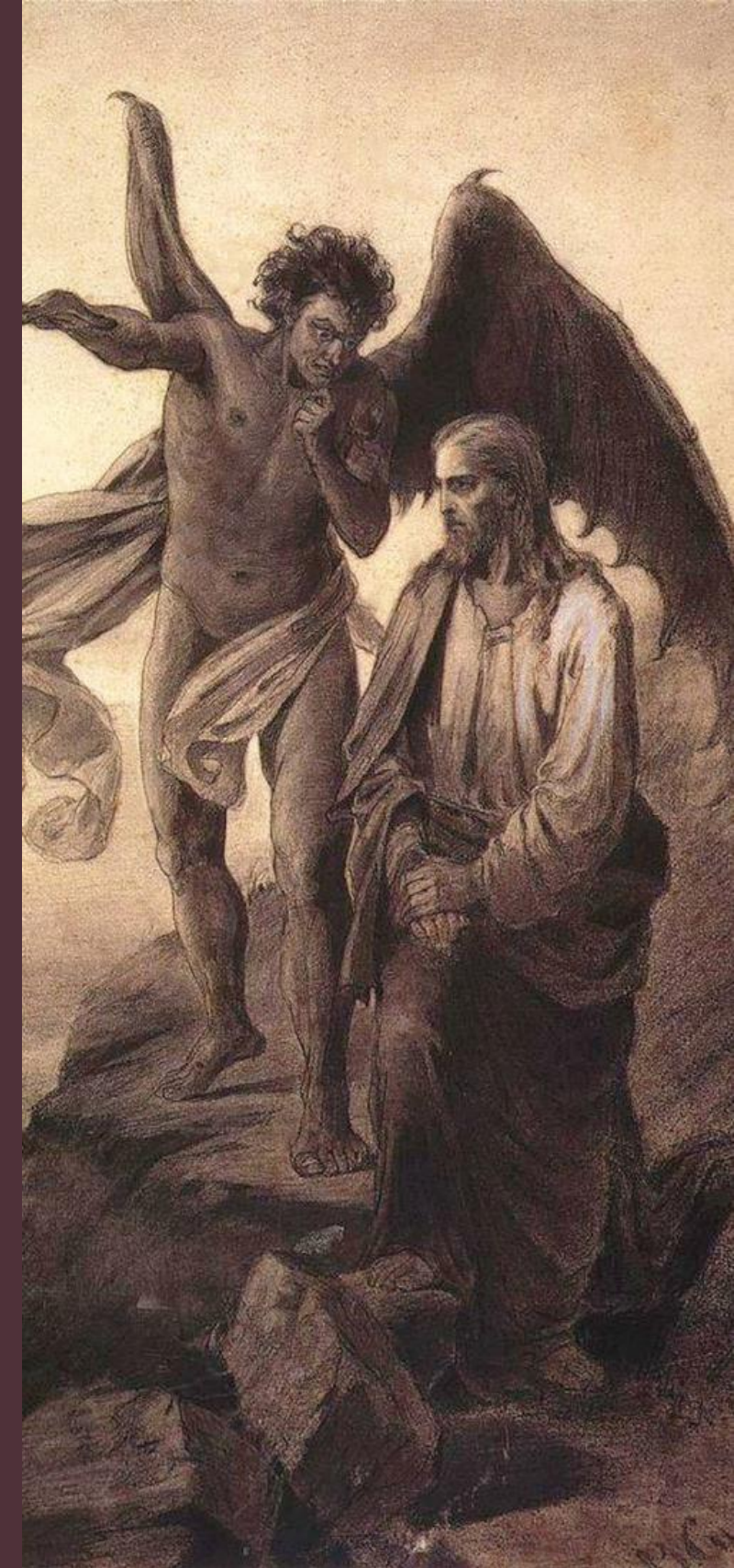
Temptation (1.12–13)

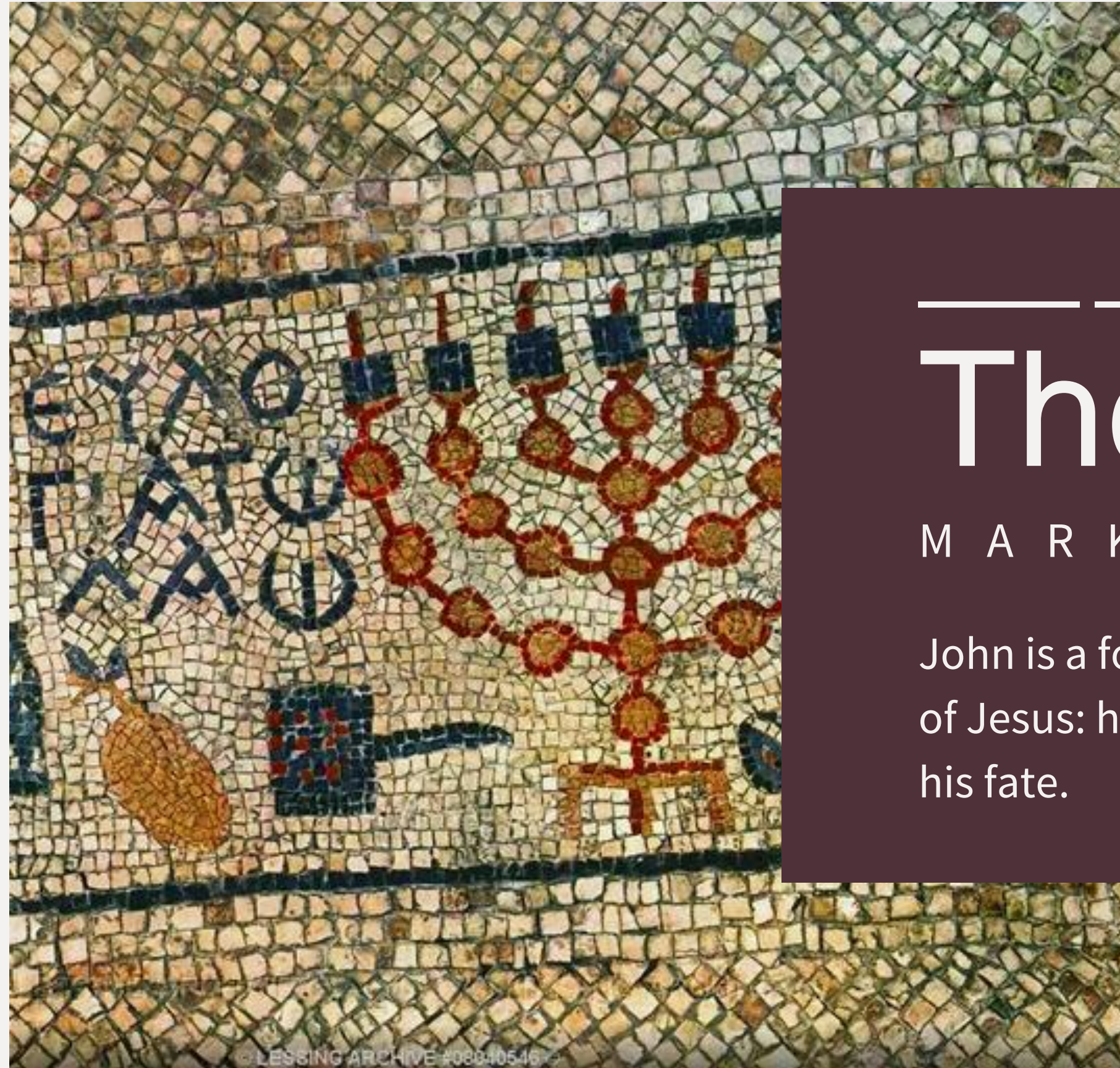
And Immediately

Reading this text *horizontally* (cf. Mat 4.1–11; Luke 4.1–13), the focus is on *Satan* (cf. 1.21–28; 3.27) cf. Lev 16.21

40 Days in the Wilderness

The Wilderness is a place of temptation, and 40 is a number of temptation* (Gen 7–8; Exd 24.18; 34.29; 16.35; Num 13–14; 1 Sam 17.16; 1 Kgs 19.8; Jon 3.4)





The Gospel.

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John is a forerunner and a foreshadowing of Jesus: his purpose, his importance, and his fate.

Next Class:

2. A New Kingdom (Mark 1.16–3.35)

- What do Jesus' miracles demonstrate?
- What do Jesus' apostles represent?
- What sort of Kingdom does Jesus speak about?
- How does Jesus speak or act about the themes:
 - Messiah
 - Son of God
 - King
 - Slave

