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- C1 The introduction to the book 1:1
- C2 The preparation of the Servant 1:2-13
- C3 The synopsis of the Servant's message: "Repent, and believe the good news about the coming kingdom" 1:14-15
- C4 The recruiting of the Servant 1:16-20
- C5 The initial demonstration of the Servant 1:21-34

B2 The Expanding Service of the Servant 1:35 - 2:28

- C1 The broadening of the Servant's service 1:35-45
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- C2 The Servant's concealed teaching by parable 4:1-34
- C3 The Servant's miracles 4:35 - 5:43
- C4 Capernaum's offense at Jesus' synagogue-teaching 6:1-6a
- C5 The Servant's field trip for His followers 6:6b-34
- C6 More miracles and conflict 6:35 - 8:13

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- C1 Jesus' teaching emphasizing faith 8:14-26
- C2 Jesus' teaching emphasizing His Kingship and the Progress of His Kingdom! 8:26 - 9:13
- C3 Jesus' teaching of the necessity of faith and prayer in exorcism 9:14-29
- C4 Jesus' further teaching about His delayed Kingdom 9:30-50
- C5 Jesus' teaching resulting from encounters with the public 10:1-13
- C6 Jesus' unheeded repetition of the postponement of His Kingdom 10:32-45
- C7 Jesus' reward of faith: Blind Bartimaeus' persistence rewarded with healing 10:46-52

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B1 The Period of the Servant's Intense Conflict with Jewish Leaders 11:1 - 12:40

- C1 Jesus' tumultuous, but hollow entrance into Jerusalem as Messiah 11:1-14
- C2 Jesus' attack on Israel's leaders and their corrupt temple business system 11:15 - 12:12
- C3 Confrontational questions 12:13-40

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- C1 On giving: Observations on the widow's mite 12:41-44
- C2 On the future: 13:1-37

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- C1 The preparations for death 14:1-42
- C2 The arrest 14:43-52
- C3 The trials 14:53 - 15:20
- C4 The death 15:21-47

B4 The Shocking Reversal of the Servant's Sacrifice: Resurrection 16

- C1 The shock and fear of the resurrection 16:1-8
- C2 The first report of the resurrection (from Mary): Disbelief 16:9-11¹
- C3 The second report of the resurrection (from two travelers): Disbelief 16:12-13
- C4 Jesus' commissioning of the twelve: Sign authentication to those who believe 16:14-18
- C5 The ascension: Confirmed obedience of the followers 16:19-20

Outline of MARK

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¹ There is some question that 16:9-20 (21) is actually a part of Mark's original gospel. The shorter reading is difficult in the sense of being abrupt. The more difficult reading is usually more apt to be the original. It may have been added to. It is unwise to make novel doctrinal conclusions from the latter verses of Mark, such as the validity of snake handling or speaking in tongues.