

## Study Further:

MARK by Alan Cole is a good basic commentary in the Tyndale New Testament Commentary series. DISCOVERING THE GOSPEL OF MARK by J. Hollingsworth is an outstanding Bible study guide for either personal or group use. OXFORD BIBLE ATLAS edited by Herbert G. May has maps that are both complete and easy to read.

## b. Some extended notes:

## (1) Some significant features of Mark:

## (a) The Miracle Thrust.

While Luke has more miracles per se, Mark has more on the average. HGe is more conscious of the miracles and mighty works and his thrust of them is more pronounced than is that of the other Gospels. We will not list them all in this place but note the following (and an asterisk indicates that the work is peculiar to Mark):

- Peter's moth-in-law 1:29-31
- A leper 1:40-45
- A paralytic 2:3-12
- The withered hand victim 3:1-6
- A deaf and dumb man 7:31-37\*
- The Bethsaida blind man 8:21-26\*
- Woman with issue 5:25-34
- Bartimaeus 10:46-52
- Tempest calmed 4:34-41
- Five thousand fed 6:34-44
- Jesus on the water 6:45-52
- 4,000 fed 8:1-9
- Fig tree withered 11:12-14
- Synagogue demoniac 1:21-28
- Gadarene demoniac 5:1-20
- Syro-Phoenician daughter 7:24-30
- Epileptic (?) 9:14-43
- Jairus daughter 5:22-43

If you are clever you may be able to figure out the reasoning in my grouping but if you can't that does not mean you aren't. The miracles of Christ were more than humanitarian benefits. They served an authentication process as well as showing the heart of the Lord. The perfect servant is not guilty of casualty or heartlessness.