

Special Issue

Theology and Interpretation of the Gospel of Mark: Historical Trajectories and Contemporary Perspectives

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This fascicle will solicit articles from recognized Markan scholars from around the world, those who have established themselves at the forefront of scholarship in Markan theology.

We encourage proposals of spacious latitude, consistent with the title of this special issue. Any theological topic addressed or implied by Mark's Gospel invites attention. The history of research of venerable topics, such as christology or eschatology, would be worthwhile, as would be consideration of underrated or overlooked subjects. The internal coherence or incoherence of Markan theology might be a valuable pursuit. Also useful is the enhancement of our understanding of Markan theology when viewed within more recent interpretive matrices: the many varieties of literary and sociological approaches, ancient or modern. Intersections of Markan theology with other religions' worlds of thought would be beneficial. The history of Mark's reception within and beyond the church, including art, literature, and theatre, opens another avenue of research. Mark's distinctive contribution to the understanding and practice of contemporary Christianity, in native or different cultures, would be profitable.

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