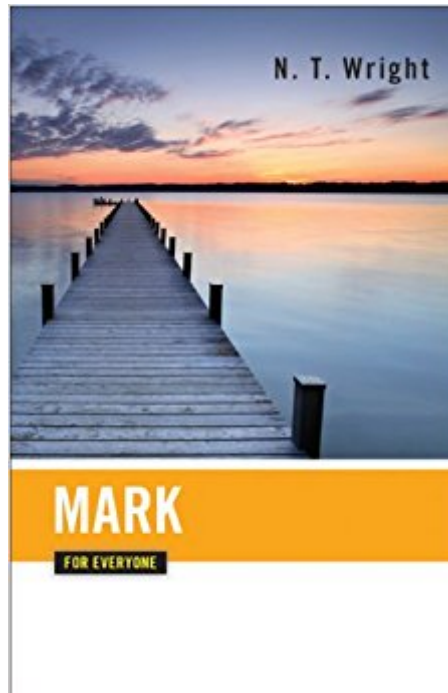




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# Mark For Everyone (The New Testament For Everyone)



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Tom Wright's eye-opening comments on the Gospel of Mark and what it might mean for us are combined, passage-by-passage, with his fresh translation of the Bible text. Making use of his true scholar's understanding, yet writing in an approachable and anecdotal style, Wright captures the urgency and excitement of Mark's Gospel in a way few writers have..Tom Wright has undertaken a tremendous task: to provide guides to all the books of the New Testament, and to include in them his own translation of the entire text. Each short passage is followed by a highly readable discussion with background information, useful explanations and suggestions, and thoughts as to how the text can be relevant to our lives today. A glossary is included at the back of the book. The series is suitable for group study, personal study, or daily devotions.

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Only 4 stars because of one-to-many reliances upon an appeal to orthodox/traditional readings of Mark. Still very worthwhile read that raises excellent questions such as: "How can we learn again what it means to live in a rhythm of work and rest, and to help one another in our wider society to do the same, without becoming legalists in the process? There are also statements that would be provocative to the pious: "Jesus went up into the hills for the same reason that others did at the time: to shape his followers into a truly revolutionary group, and to do so away from the prying eyes of the authorities. This would be an excellent book to use in a group to dig deeper into what is being trusted in life. Of particular benefit here is the author's own translation of Mark that can be fruitfully compared with standard translations. The author's comments will keep a group on their toes as they engage the Gospel in light of their own experience.

We've been using this book as a "reader's guide" as we've been working our way through the gospel of Mark in a Monday lunchtime Bible study. The majority of our members had never been part of a regular Bible study before, and have found this book easy to understand and helpful as they've done their prep reading for our class. The few who've got Bible study experience have enjoyed the fresh insights this commentary offers.

Tom Wright (aka N T Wright) is the most insightful and unique conservative scholar to come along. He has shared with us his great gift of, not only his theology, but his whimsical writing, anecdotes, story telling and of course the most important of all correct interpretation and translation of the text itself. Wright is not only a theologian, but is as much a historian. I recommend the entire series from him. You will not regret buying these easy to read, entertaining, and remarkably insightful books. Wright gets Paul and this work on 2 Corinthians is proof of it. There is much here to commend, but let me just talk about one insightful aspect of this book. In 2 Corinthians 4:13 Paul quotes from Psalm 116:10 a simple little line of "I believe and therefore I spoke." Wright sees behind this quote a text that Paul had personally been ministered to from. It is this Psalm that carried him

though when he felt in chapter 1 that he had the death sentence passed upon him. Wright takes the time to quote the entire Psalm and show briefly how Paul worked it in. The only problem with the Everyone Commentary series is that they leave you wanting Wright to explore even deeper with you the ramification of something like this in Paul. This commentary is a brief read that will leave you with a greater grasp on the life of Paul and on 2 Corinthians.

Read this as a family devotion and found it, for the most part, accessible and useful for all of us. Wright is ever true to his desire to make the feet of Jesus muddy from the streets of His historical context. In doing so Wright challenged my prior understanding of some passages. At the end of the day I may not have agreed with his every conclusion but was forced to revisit and revise my understanding as well.

N.T. Wright's translation and commentary is thought provoking and challenges you to think about bible passages you may have glossed over in the past. I don't agree with all his interpretations, but his writings deserve that you thoughtfully and prayerfully look deeper into the verses. These are great resource for anyone that wants to really think about what is in the bible rather than just let others tell you what to believe.

This is a book which should find wide appeal. Tom Wright gives us a highly readable and quite enjoyable introduction to the gospel of Mark, informed by both his deep New Testament scholarship and his wide pastoral experience and perspective. This is Mark, truly for everyone. While there won't be much here that is new for those well-acquainted with current NT research, Wright plainly illuminates Mark's themes and places them properly in the context of the times. Wright's own translations of the original text are clear and contemporary to the right degree. For his intended audience - the general educated reader - Wright is on target. This would be a good pick for a teen or adult NT study group. Read it, and your faith will be even better secured on a firm foundation of understanding. Wright knows how to go after the very core, the kernel, of faith. Reading it, it is easy to hear Tom Wright's baritone voice in his adept prose; he is so effortless to read that it is easy to overlook how good a writer he in fact is. The medium is properly transparent and subordinate to the message. This series reminds me of the one authored years ago by William Barclay; each author has his own strengths and appeal and both could be read with profit by the Christian wishing to better understand the New Testament. If I had to recommend just one, it would be Wright, without question. But that would be to ignore the often top-notch pastoral sermon aspects - albeit

old-fashioned- of Barclay's writings.

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