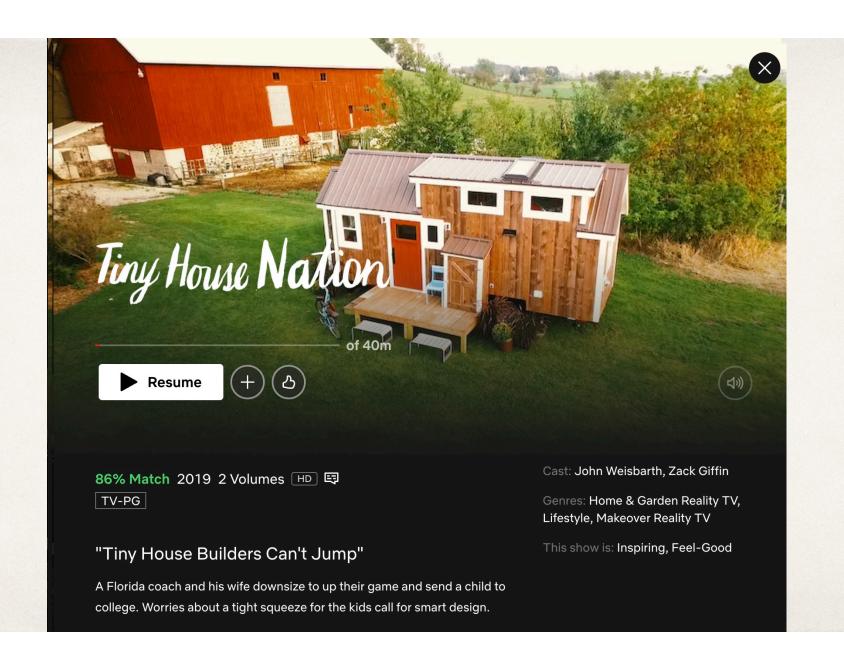
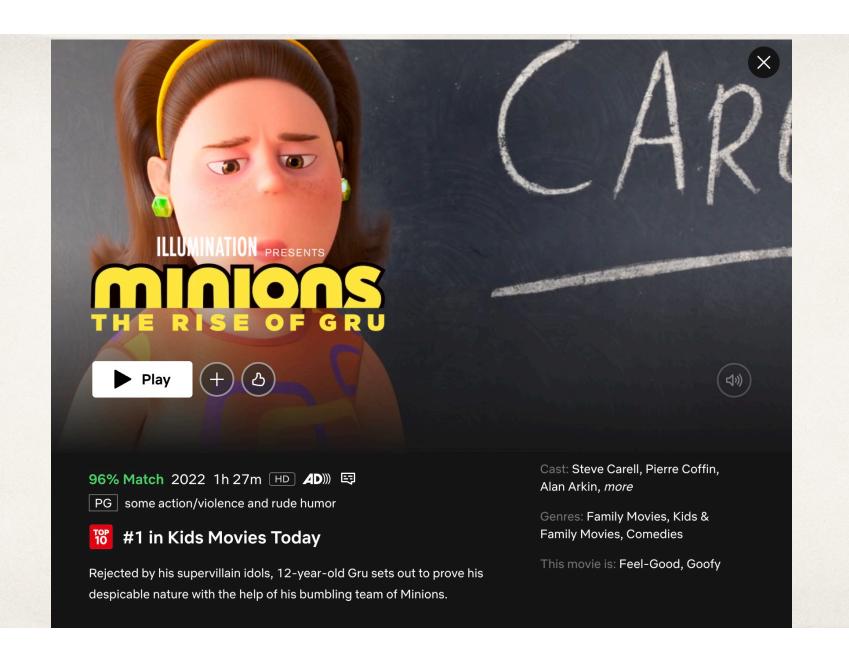
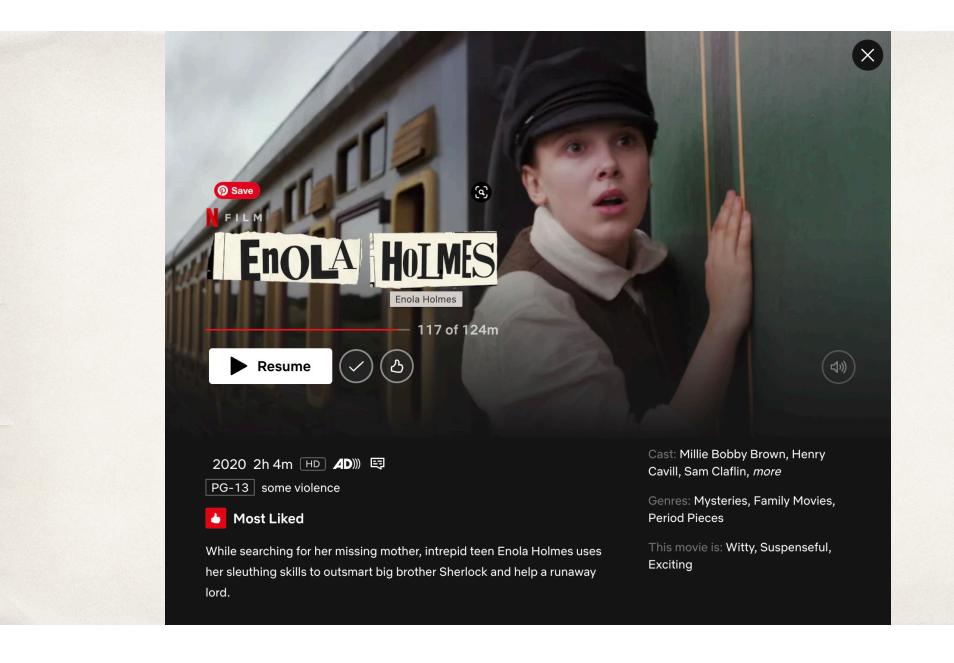
The Gospel of Mark

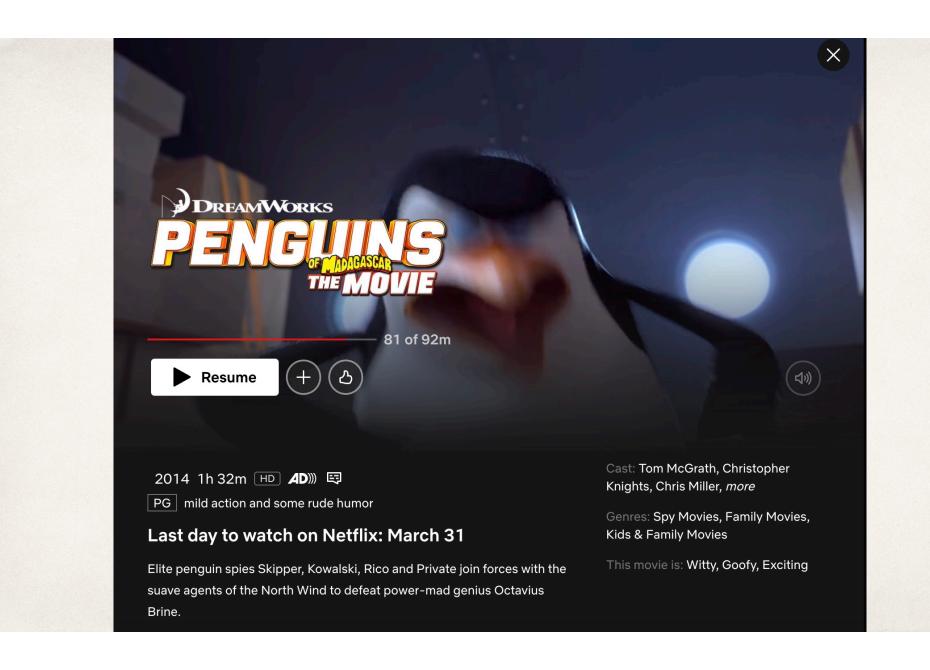
Jesus as the Suffering Servant, the Mighty Messiah, the Son of God

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Key Descriptive Words for Mark's Gospel

- Profound
- Succinct
- Directive
- Passionate
- Urgent

Background & Date

- Authorship
 - Mark (aka John Mark) A Christian Scribe
 - Mark was not one of the 12 disciples because he was much younger
 - Mark was not an eyewitness to the acts of Jesus but rather recorded what he learned from Peter
 - * A co-worker with Paul and Peter
 - ❖ 90% of Mark is in Matthew or Luke or both
 - Mark is usually the first gospel translated into new languages
- Date
 - ❖ Approximately 50's-60's A.D.

Themes

- Suffering
- Authentic Discipleship
- Action vs. Teaching
- Mark is answering everyone's question: 'Who is this Jesus?'

Read aloud Chapter 1

* Think through the headings as you listen

Outline of Chapter 1

- Overview: The initiation of Jesus' ministry- Galilee
 - Prologue and Baptism by John the Baptist (1:1-1:15)
 - Calling of Disciples (1:16-1:28)
 - * Healings (1:29-1:45)

Mark's Gospel is Action Driven

* Mark 1:1

- * 'The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
- * (v.12) 'the spirit drove him (Jesus) out'
- * (v.14) 'Jesus came into Galilee **proclaiming** the gospel of God'
- * (v.20)' immediately he called to them...'
- (v.25) 'Jesus rebuked him'
- * (v.28) 'At once his fame **spread**' and (v. 29) 'immediately he left'.
- * (v.35) 'And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.'
- * (v.41) [Jesus] '...moved to pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him...'
- * (v.43) 'And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once.

The word immediately...

- * The word immediately is found 40 times in Mark
- Mark speaks with urgency and passion about the Messiah
- * Immediately or at once are used 10 times in this chapter alone!

Cast of Characters in Chapter 1

- Jesus Christ, the Son of God
- John the Baptist
- The Spirit
- Simon
- * Andrew
- James the son of Zebedee
- John, his brother
- Man with the unclean spirit
- Simon's mother in law
- * Leper
- Priest

Mark moves the story along geographically

- Wilderness
- Judea
- All of Jerusalem
- Jordan River
- Nazareth of Galilee
- Sea of Galilee
- Father Zebedee's boat
- Capernaum
- Synagogue
- House of Simon and Andrew

A few time-stamps to frame the story

- * (v.14) 'After John was arrested...'
- * (v.21) 'Sabbath'
- (v.32) 'Evening at sundown'
- (v.35) Early in the morning

Only 4 direct quotes from Jesus

- (v.15) 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe the gospel.'
- * (v.25) 'Be silent and come out of him.'
- (v.38) 'Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.'
- * (v.44) 'See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the praise and offer your cleansing what Moses commanded, for proof to them.'

Take a Look:

- How did Jesus spend his time?
- What did we learn about Jesus' personality through Mark 1?
- What people and places made up the world in which he lived, taught, and performed miracles?
- If I were a reporter covering these events, what headline would I give my news article?

What I hope you take away from our lesson:

- Mark's gospel teaches us that what Mark lacked in education, he made up for tenfold in passion for Jesus.
 - * You don't have to be a certain age or have a certain degree to proclaim the name of Jesus. You can start right where you are! In the cafeteria. On the tennis court. At a football game.
- Mark is a great place to start and dip your toe into inductive Bible Study. Mapping out the movement of characters, places, and themes will help you understand the big picture of God's story.

Last thoughts...

- For review:
 - Profound
 - Succinct
 - Directive
 - Passionate
 - Urgent
 - What words do you want to be said about your life?