

THE GOSPEL OF
MARK

**Part 1
Sermon
Review**

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THE GOSPEL OF MARK
Prepares the Way
of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
And immediately they left their nets
and followed him.
And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men."
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I am happy to launch this series at the beginning of the year while we all are contemplating what decisions we are going to make to improve our personal lives

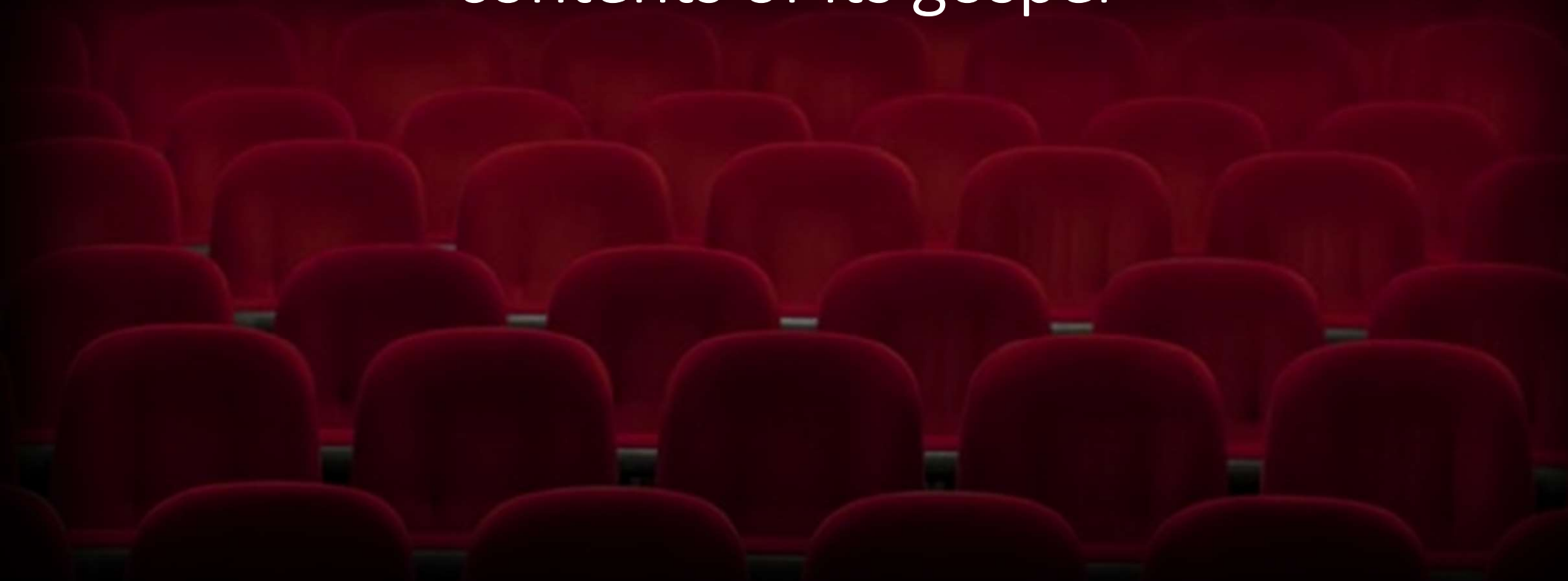


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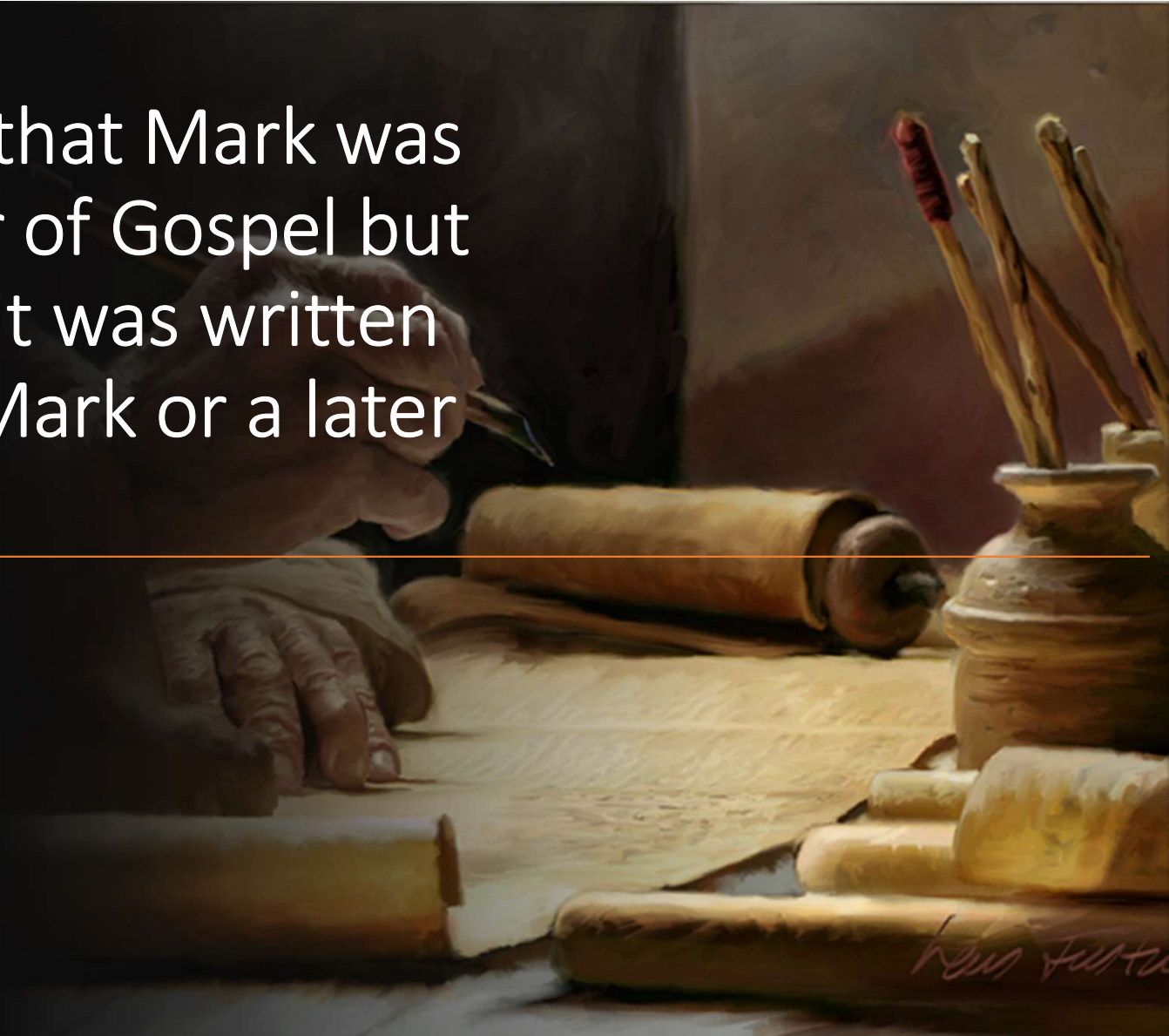
The book of Mark is the earliest of the Gospels to have been written, somewhere around the year 62 AD



Each of the gospels have a particular audience in mind when writing the contents of its gospel



It is improbable that Mark was the actual writer of Gospel but more likely that it was written by a disciple of Mark or a later student of Mark



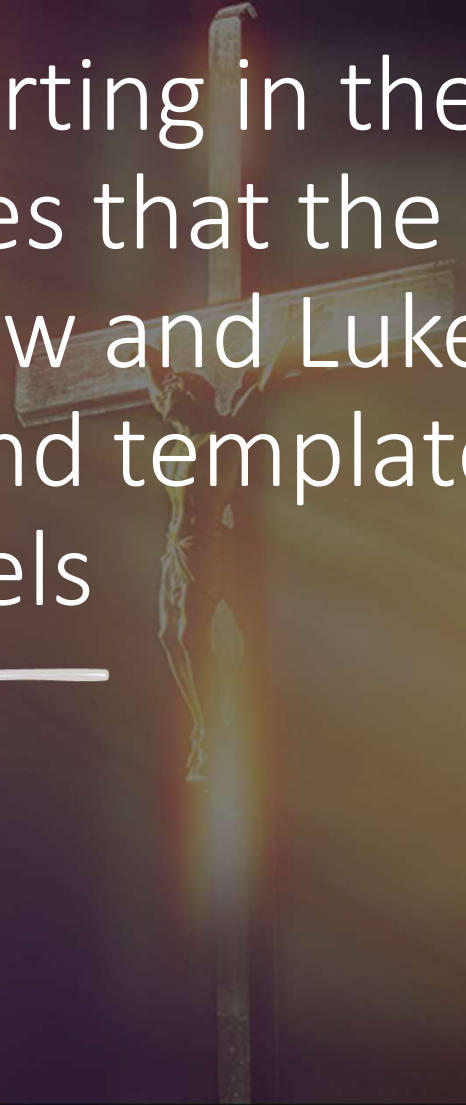


62 AD would have been prior to the Jewish Revolt of 70 AD and even the reign of Nero and the burning of Rome



What is most noticeable about Mark is that it does not have a birth narrative but rather begins with Jesus being baptized

Biblical scholarship, starting in the 19th century, confesses that the later gospels of Matthew and Luke used Mark as a guide and template for their gospels

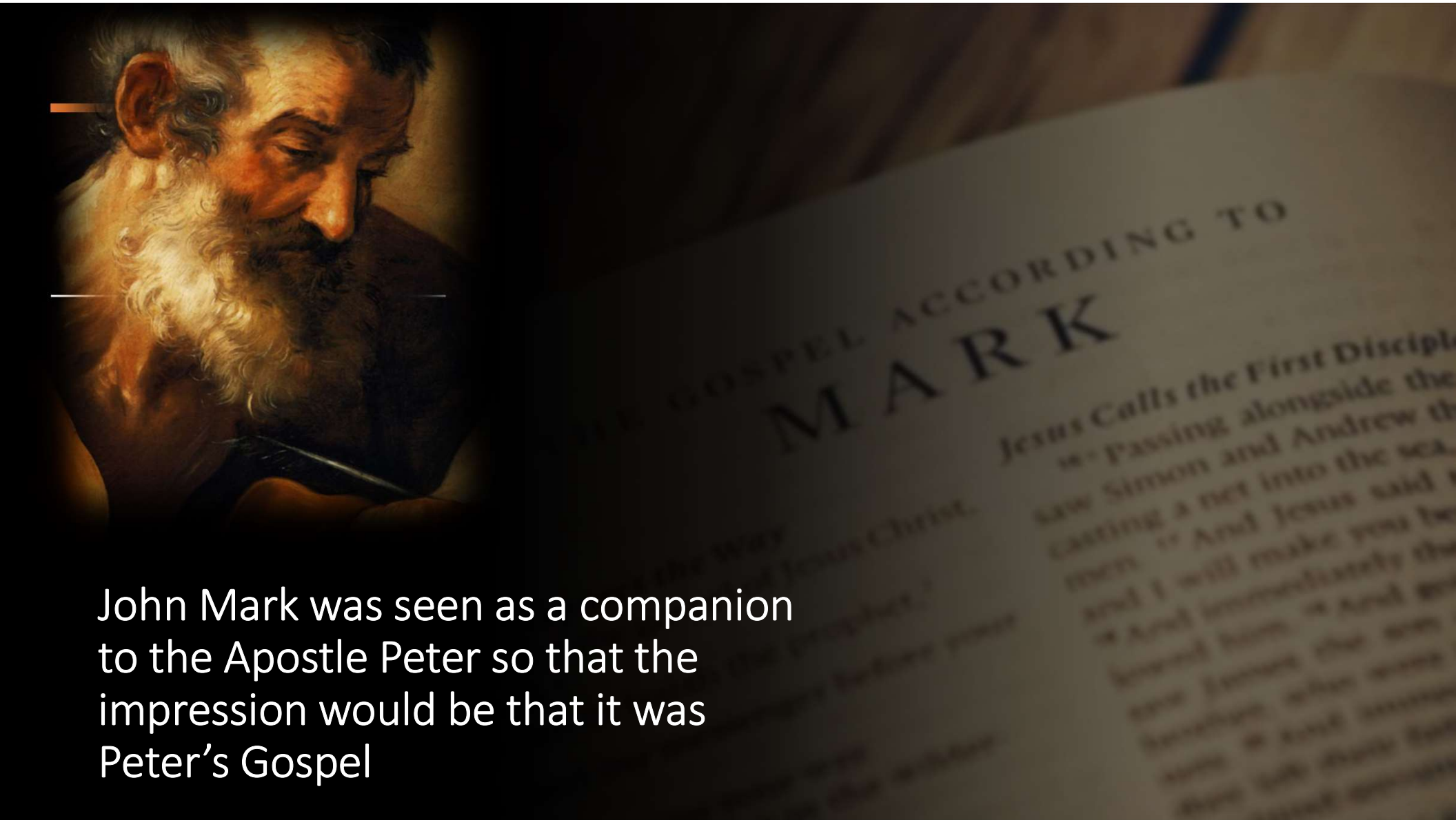


Pseudepigrapha was a common instrument of the era which means that the book was credited to Mark in an effort to give it legitimacy

The Gospel According to
MARK

beginning of the good news^a of Christ, the Son of God.^b
is written in the prophet Isaiah,^c
I am sending my messenger ahead of you,^d
and he will prepare your way;
he is crying out in the

16 As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—they were fishermen. 17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you become fishermen." 18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19 As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat with the hired men mending the nets. 20 Immediately they left their father and went to Cape

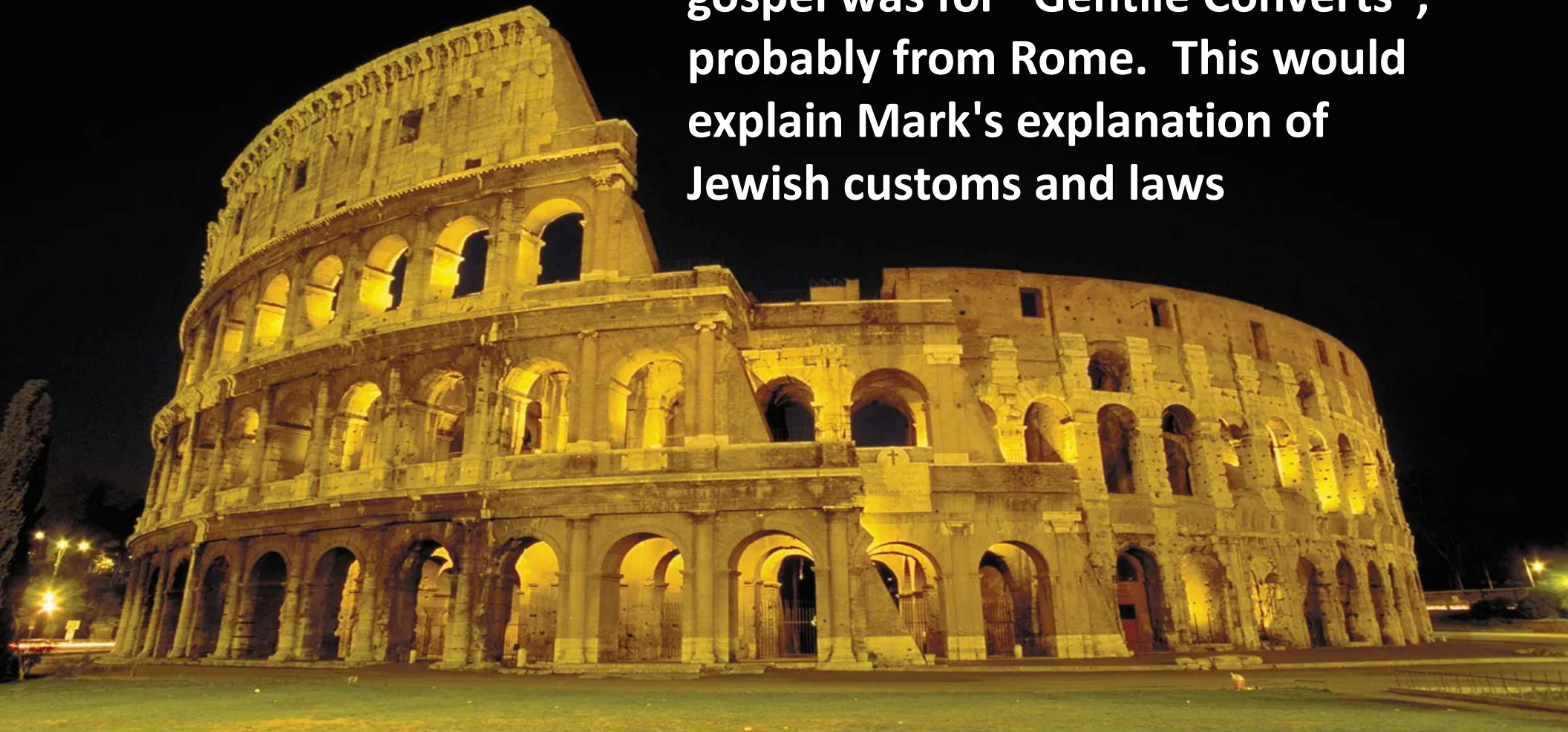


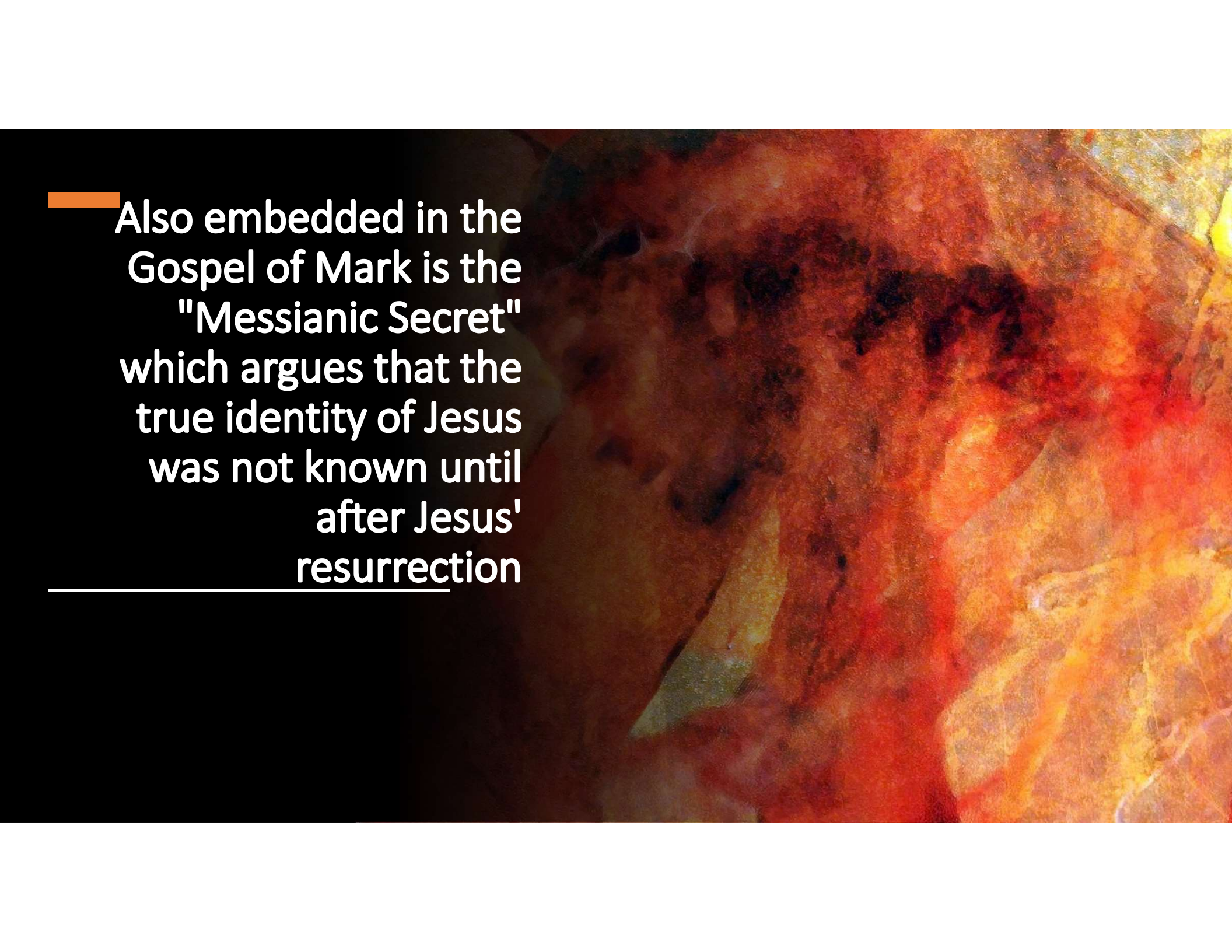
John Mark was seen as a companion to the Apostle Peter so that the impression would be that it was Peter's Gospel

Not being a disciple his book was originally placed third and fourth behind the other gospels

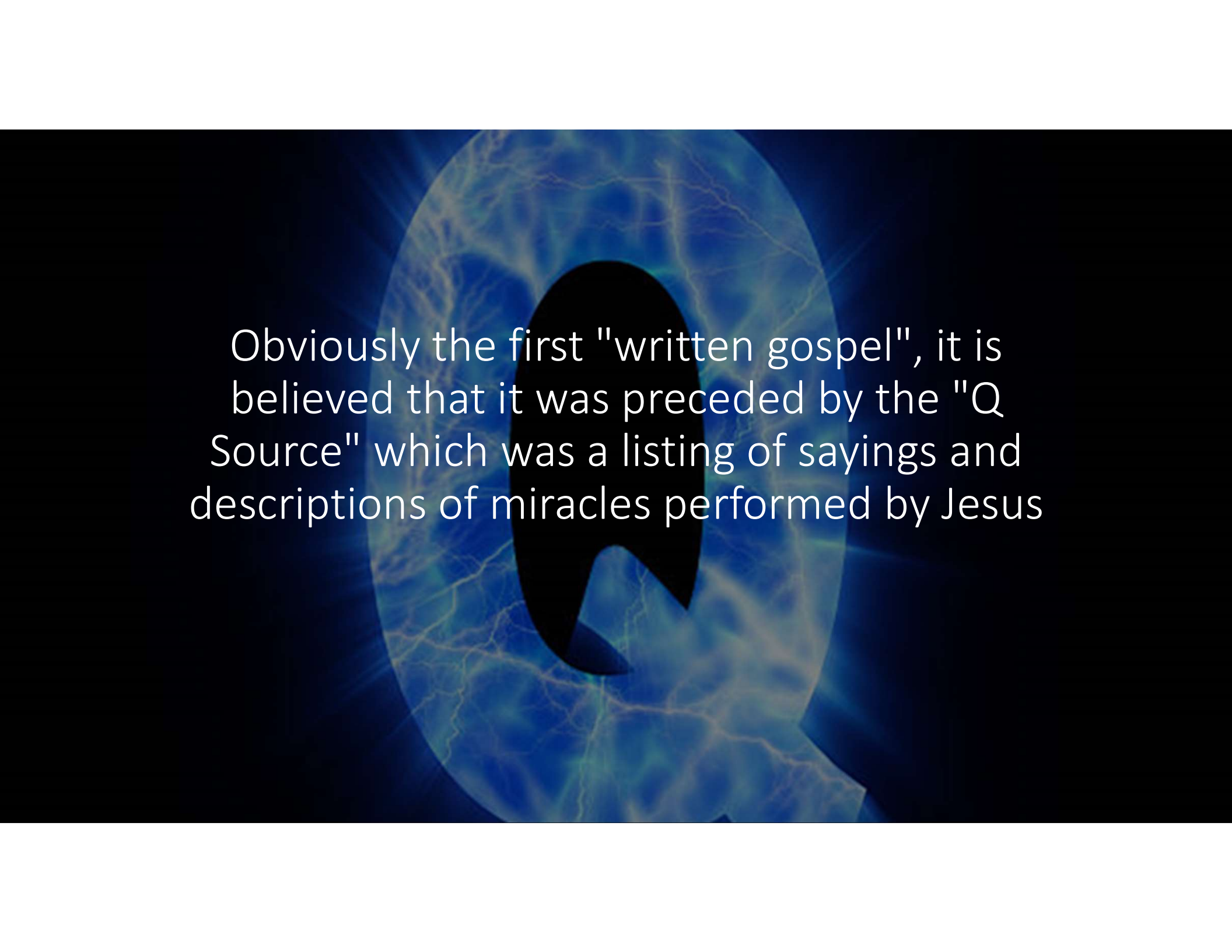


The original audience for Mark's gospel was for "Gentile Converts", probably from Rome. This would explain Mark's explanation of Jewish customs and laws





Also embedded in the Gospel of Mark is the "Messianic Secret" which argues that the true identity of Jesus was not known until after Jesus' resurrection



Obviously the first "written gospel", it is believed that it was preceded by the "Q Source" which was a listing of sayings and descriptions of miracles performed by Jesus

The 19th century
"Search for the
Historical Jesus"
view Mark as the
most reliable book
for that purpose

