

## PREFACE

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My fascination with the Gospel of Mark goes back to my days as a seminary student. During one semester, I took an upper-level course on Mark. I found myself after each class session variously energized, puzzled, frustrated, and always desirous to learn more. Careful study of Mark's Gospel can in itself inspire this kind of intellectual curiosity, but I was helped by having an exceptional instructor. Many thanks to Clifton Black for his outstanding teaching in this class.

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