

KATA MAPKON

Mark 1:1

Ἀρχὴ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ (υἱοῦ Θεοῦ)

Ἀρχή (noun)

Parsing it

Feminine (First declension feminine noun), nominative, singular

Root word ἀρχή

Meaning: Beginning

Translation in this context: (The) beginning

The Nominative

1. It identifies the subject
2. Term: Subject Nominative

Gender

1. This is called “grammatical gender”
2. All nouns have affixed grammatical gender attached
3. All nouns are best learned in this manner
 - a) Nominative (singular)
 - b) Genitive (singular)
 - c) Number (singular)
 - d) Gender (singular)

Phrase

This phrase has to be read together

Always read in terms of phrases and clauses, rather than single words

τοῦ εὐαγγελίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ

The article

Note the article τοῦ

Functions of the article

1. To point out
2. To make definite
3. To identify

εὐαγγελίου (noun)

Neuter, genitive, singular

Root word: εὐαγγελιον (ου, το)

Meaning: Gospel

Translated: gospel of, gospel belonging to

Significance of the Genitive case

1. Description
2. Possession

Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ (Proper Noun)

Masculine, Genitive, singular,

Translation of the whole phrase

The gospel of Jesus Christ

υἱοῦ Θεοῦ

The Use of the Bracket

1. To alert the reader that there are variant readings

α) του θεου

b) θεου

2. Does it affect the meaning?

No!

3. The word θεος normally takes the article
4. But while this is preferred (grammatically) it is not consistently followed by the writers

APPRECIATION AND APPLICATION

1. The gospel
 - a) Mark was right to highlight “the gospel”
 - b) Paul and the other NT writers defended the uniqueness of the gospel
2. Our challenge today
 - a) To know deeply the contents of the Gospel
 - b) To appreciate that the gospels focus on the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God
 - c) To seek to deepen our relationship with the Lord Jesus through knowledge of the gospel contents
 - d) To have the highest regard for the teachings found in the gospels
 - e) To apply the teachings of Jesus into our personal life
 - f) To defend the gospel