



St. Mark

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St. Mark was born in Cyrene, which was one of the five western cities in North Africa. His father's name was Aristopolus and his mother's name was Mary. They were all Jewish in faith. St. Mark was taught the Greek and Hebrew cultures growing up. St. Mark's Hebrew name was "John," but was changed to "Mark" (a Roman name) when they moved to Jerusalem. The name "Mark" means "large hammer."

When they moved to Jerusalem, St. Peter was there. St. Peter was married to the cousin of Aristopolus. St. Mark learned the Christian way of life from St. Peter.

St. Mark's house was where the Last Supper was held with our Lord Jesus Christ and His disciples. This is where they received the sacrament of the Holy Communion for the first time, and where our Lord Jesus Christ washed the feet of all of the disciples. St. Mark's house is where the disciples hid after our Lord Jesus Christ's death on the Cross. St. Mark's house is where the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples, in the Upper Room. St. Mark's house became the first Christian church.



The icon of St. Mark is always a picture of St. Mark with a lion standing or kneeling next to him. The reason that a lion is drawn next to St. Mark is that one day, St. Mark and his father were walking near the Jordan River, close to



the desert, when they saw a lion and a lioness. It was clear that St. Mark and his father were going to die. St. Mark prayed to Christ saying, “Oh Christ, Son of God, protect us from the evil of these two beasts!” Immediately, God answered his prayer and killed the lions. His father was amazed and believed in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The other reason that a lion is drawn next to him is because St. Mark’s Holy Gospel begins by saying, “*The voice of one crying in the wilderness*” (Mark 1:3), just as a lion roaring in the wilderness. Also, in the Holy Book of Revelation 5:5, Jesus is said to be the “*Lion of the tribe of Judah.*”



Thine is the Power

Thine is the Power, the Glory, the Blessing, the Majesty, Forever. Amen. Emmanuel, our God and King.

*Thine is the Power, the Glory, the Blessing, the Majesty, Forever. Amen. My Lord Jesus Christ.

Thine is the Power, the Glory, the Blessing, the Majesty, Forever. Amen.

* *From the 11th hour of Tuesday to 11th hour of Thursday, we add:*

Thine is the Power, the Glory, the Blessing, the Majesty, Forever. Amen. My Lord Jesus Christ, **my Good Savior.**

* *From the 1st hour of eve of Friday, we add:*

Thine is the Power, the Glory, the Blessing, the Majesty, Forever. Amen.

My Lord Jesus Christ, my Good Savior. **The Lord is my strength and my praise and has become my salvation.**