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**For Mark the introduction
of Jesus is no less
momentous than the
creation of the world, for in
Jesus a new creation is at
hand'**

James Edwards

The Gospel

The gospel of Rome

The anti-Rome gospel

‘the birthday of the god was
for the world the beginning
of joyful tidings
(gospel/good news) which
have been proclaimed on
this account.’

A calendar inscription from
about 9 B.C.E.

To a world that already had a gospel, that already had a way of understanding the world around it, a cultural, political and religious narrative – Mark conveys a stunning message...he introduces the gospel of Jesus – the narrative of the Kingdom of God

The gospel for us...

we stand at a cultural
crossroad in this city...

The Messiah

...to pronounce, as
good news, the
story of Jesus is not
to simply say Jesus is
King but to say that
Caesar is not king.

The promised future, both
for themselves and the
whole cosmos, gave meaning
and validity to the present
embodied life.

NT Wright

to hope that God
would not die for us
would be to want him
to love us less and he
wasn't prepared to
do that

John Stott

Jesus is alive, he
loves us, and calls
us to himself.

