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This book talks about the use of *passivum divinum* in the Gospel of Mark. This *passivum divinum* is one of the characteristics of the Markan linguistic style. When Mark uses this linguistic style, he has certain intentions behind it. This book searches theses intentions.

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