

Apollonius' Canon in Mark

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The following 175 occurrences¹ of the construction involved in Apollonius' Canon as found in Mark provide an inductive data set against which to evaluate the validity of that canon. The construction involves two nouns in regimen (i.e., a noun qualified by a genitive noun) and specifically the presence or absence of the article with each term. Based on the data below, what is that relationship?²

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- Also see: MHT 3:179–80 and Moule, *Idiom Book*, 115.

(References are to the verse in which the *sentence* begins [usually]; the actual occurrence may be in the next verse/s. If you don't find the phrase in the verse listed, keep reading and you should find it in the next verse or two.)

1:1

Ἀρχὴ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου
υἱοῦ θεοῦ

1:3

τὴν ὁδὸν κυρίου
βάπτισμα μετανοίας
ἄφεσιν ἁμαρτιῶν

1:6

τρίχας καμήλου
τὸν ἱμάντα τῶν ὑποδημάτων

1:9

ἀπὸ Ναζαρέτ τῆς Γαλιλαίας

1:14

τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τοῦ θεοῦ
ἡ βασιλεία τοῦ θεοῦ
τὴν θάλασσαν τῆς Γαλιλαίας
τὸν ἀδελφὸν Σίμωνος
ἀλιεῖς ἀνθρώπων.

1:28

τὴν περίχωρον τῆς Γαλιλαίας
τὴν οἰκίαν Σίμωνος
ἡ δὲ πενθερὰ Σίμωνος

2:10

ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου

2:16

οἱ γραμματεῖς τῶν Φαρισαίων

2:18

οἱ μαθηταὶ Ἰωάννου
οἱ μαθηταὶ Ἰωάννου
οἱ μαθηταὶ τῶν Φαρισαίων
οἱ υἱοὶ τοῦ νυμφῶνος

2:21

ἐπίβλημα ῥάκους

2:26

τὸν οἶκον τοῦ θεοῦ
τοὺς ἄρτους τῆς προθέσεως

2:28

ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου

3:5

τῇ πωρώσει τῆς καρδίας

3:11

ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ θεοῦ

3:17

τὸν ἀδελφὸν τοῦ Ἰακώβου
υἱοὶ βροντῆς

3:22

τῷ ἄρχοντι τῶν δαιμονίων

3:28

τοῖς υἱοῖς τῶν ἀνθρώπων

3:35

τὸ θέλημα τοῦ θεοῦ

4:5

βάθος γῆς·

4:11

τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ θεοῦ

4:19αί μέριμναι τοῦ αἰῶνος
ἢ ἀπάτη τοῦ πλούτου**4:26**

ἡ βασιλεία τοῦ θεοῦ

4:30τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ θεοῦ
κόκκῳ σινάπεως

τὰ πετεινὰ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ

5:7

υἱὲ τοῦ θεοῦ

5:11

ἀγέλη χοίρων

5:25

ῥύσει αἵματος

5:29

ἡ πηγὴ τοῦ αἵματος

5:37

τὸν οἶκον τοῦ ἀρχισυναγώγου

5:40

τὸν πατέρα τοῦ παιδίου

τῆς χειρὸς τοῦ παιδίου

6:3

ὁ υἱὸς τῆς Μαρίας

ἀδελφὸς Ἰακώβου

6:7

ἐξουσίαν τῶν πνευμάτων (?)

6:17

τὴν γυναῖκα Φιλίππου

τὴν γυναῖκα τοῦ ἀδελφοῦ

6:24

τὴν κεφαλὴν Ἰωάννου

τὴν κεφαλὴν Ἰωάννου

6:47

ἐν μέσῳ τῆς θαλάσσης

περὶ τετάρτην φυλακὴν τῆς νυκτὸς

6:56

τοῦ κρασπέδου τοῦ ἱματίου

7:3

τὴν παράδοσιν τῶν πρεσβυτέρων

βαπτισμοὺς ποτηρίων

τὴν παράδοσιν τῶν πρεσβυτέρων

7:7

τὴν ἐντολὴν τοῦ θεοῦ

τὴν παράδοσιν τῶν ἀνθρώπων

τὴν ἐντολὴν τοῦ θεοῦ

7:13

τὸν λόγον τοῦ θεοῦ

7:21

τῆς καρδίας τῶν ἀνθρώπων

7:24

τὰ ὄρια Τύρου

7:27τὸν ἄρτον τῶν τέκνων
τῶν ψυχίων τῶν παιδίων.**7:31**

τῶν ὀρίων Τύρου

τὴν θάλασσαν τῆς Γαλιλαίας

ἀνὰ μέσον τῶν ὀρίων Δεκαπόλεως

7:35

ὁ δεσμὸς τῆς γλώσσης

8:8

περὶ σσεύματα κλασμάτων

8:10

τὰ μέρη Δαλμανουθά.

8:15

τῆς ζύμης τῶν Φαρισαίων

τῆς ζύμης Ἑρώδου

8:19

κοφίνους κλασμάτων

σπυρίδων ... κλασμάτων

8:27

τὰς κόμας Καισαρείας τῆς Φιλίππου

8:31

τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου

8:37

ἀντάλλαγμα τῆς ψυχῆς αὐτοῦ (?)

ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου

τῇ δόξῃ τοῦ πατρὸς

9:1

τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ θεοῦ

9:9

ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου

9:12

τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου

9:24

ὁ πατὴρ τοῦ παιδίου

9:31

ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου

χεῖρας ἀνθρώπων

9:41

ποτήριον ὕδατος

9:47

τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ θεοῦ

10:1

τὰ ὄρια τῆς Ἰουδαίας

10:4

βιβλίον ἀποστασίου

10:6

ἀρχῆς κτίσεως

10:14

ἡ βασιλεία τοῦ θεοῦ

τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ θεοῦ

10:23

τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ θεοῦ
τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ θεοῦ
διὰ [τῆς] τρυμαλιᾶς [τῆς] ῥαφίδος
τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ θεοῦ

10:33

ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου

10:35

οἱ υἱοὶ Ζεβεδαίου

10:45

ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου

ὁ υἱὸς Τιμαίου

υἱὲ Δαυίδ

υἱὲ Δαυίδ

11:1

τὸ ὄρος τῶν ἐλαιῶν

11:9

ὄνόματι κυρίου

ἢ ... βασιλεία τοῦ πατρὸς

11:15

τὰς τραπέζας τῶν κολλυβιστῶν

11:17

οἶκος προσευχῆς

σπήλαιον ληστῶν

11:22

πίστιν θεοῦ

11:30 τὸ βάπτισμα τὸ Ἰωάννου

12:2

τῶν καρπῶν τοῦ ἀμπελῶνος

12:9

ὁ κύριος τοῦ ἀμπελῶνος

κεφαλὴν γωνίας

12:14

πρόσωπον ἀνθρώπων

τὴν ὁδὸν τοῦ θεοῦ

12:24

τὴν δύναμιν τοῦ θεοῦ

12:26

τῆ βίβλῳ Μωϋσέως

ὁ θεὸς Ἀβραὰμ καὶ [ὁ] θεὸς Ἰσαὰκ καὶ [ὁ]

θεὸς Ἰακώβ

12:34

τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ θεοῦ

υἱὸς Δαυίδ

12:40

τὰς οἰκίας τῶν χηρῶν

13:3

τὸ ὄρος τῶν ἐλαιῶν

13:7

ἀκοὰς πολέμων

ἀρχὴ ὠδίνων

13:14

τὸ βδέλυγμα τῆς ἐρημώσεως

13:19

ἀρχῆς κτίσεως

13:26

τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου

ἄκρου γῆς

ἄκρου οὐρανοῦ

13:35

ὁ κύριος τῆς οἰκίας

14:2

θόρυβος τοῦ λαοῦ

τῆ οἰκία Σίμωνος τοῦ λεπροῦ

ἀλάβαστρον μύρου νάρδου

ἢ ἀπώλεια ... τοῦ μύρου

14:12

τῆ πρώτη ἡμέρα τῶν ἀζύμων

κεράμιον ὕδατος

14:21

ὁ μὲν υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου

ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου

14:24

τὸ αἷμά μου τῆς διαθήκης

τοῦ γενήματος τῆς ἀμπέλου

τῆ βασιλεία τοῦ θεοῦ

τὸ ὄρος τῶν ἐλαιῶν

14:41

ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου

τὰς χεῖρας τῶν ἀμαρτωλῶν

14:47

τὸν δοῦλον τοῦ ἀρχιερέως

14:54

τὴν αὐλὴν τοῦ ἀρχιερέως

14:62

τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου

τῶν νεφελῶν τοῦ οὐρανοῦ

14:66

τῶν παιδισκῶν τοῦ ἀρχιερέως

15:21

τὸν πατέρα Ἀλεξάνδρου

15:26

ἢ ἐπιγραφὴ τῆς αἰτίας

15:32

ὁ βασιλεὺς Ἰσραὴλ

15:36

σπόγγον ὄξους

15:38

τὸ καταπέτασμα τοῦ ναοῦ

υἱὸς θεοῦ

15:43

τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ θεοῦ

τὸ σῶμα τοῦ Ἰησοῦ

Accordance search construct used for the preceding data:

Description of construct:	
Apollonius'Canon	
<input type="button" value="OK"/>	
WITHIN	
INTER	
AGREE	
Adj. Adv.	
Art. Conj.	
Impr. Inter.	
Noun Part.	
Prep. Pron.	
Verb	
LEX	
INFLECT	
PLACE	
NOT	
	NOUN genitive

Technical terms the grammars use to describe Apollonius' Canon:

in regimen:
word of truth
 λογος ἀληθειας
 noun noun^{gen}
 governing noun governed noun
 nomen regens nomen rectum
 (pl. = nomina regenda)
 head noun genitive noun

¹Not counting several “double constructions” involving genitive chains that include at least two such relationships.

²“In general two nouns in regimen (a noun qualified by a genitive noun) will both have articles or both be without them.... This rule holds true more than eighty percent of the time. There are two basic modifications that will explain most exceptions: (1) the head noun may be anarthrous while the genitive qualifier is articular, especially if the head noun is the object of a preposition, a predicate nominative, or vocative; (2) either may be anarthrous if it is a proper name (including κύριος) even though the other may be articular.” (Young, 67)

³Hedges thesis proposes what is known as Apollonius' Corollary: “when both nouns are anarthrous, both will usually have the same semantic force. That is, both will be, for example, definite (D-D), the most commonly shared semantic force. Somewhat less common is qualitative-qualitative (Q-Q). The least likely semantic force is indefinite-indefinite (I-I)” (cited by Wallace, *GGBB*, 250).