

Who Do You Say I Am? – Mark Scene 6

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Mark 2:1- 3:6

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Reflection & Discussion Questions

Mark believes Jesus is the Messiah – the anointed one – the only Son of God

Meaning that Jesus is God: he's the physical embodiment of everything God is.

*Why do you think Jesus uses this title to refer to himself so often in the book of Mark?

If you know what Jesus is like – then you know exactly what God is like

This can challenge our assumptions about God.

*These stories display characteristics of Jesus that can help inform us on the character of God. Do any of these characteristics challenge your assumptions of God?

*Where has being a follower of Jesus clashed with your expectations of him?

Mark 2:1-12 Mark 2:13-17 Mark 2:18-22 Mark 2:23-28 Mark 3:1-5

If Jesus is God – and God is everything Jesus is...

then he seems to like to forgive and take away the consequences of sin.

then he enjoys spending time with sinners.

then He likes it when we celebrate and enjoy him.

then He makes things for people and not people for things.

then our stubbornness makes him angry.

When we read the Gospel of Mark we could assume we are the Pharisees

He is challenging every kingdom that doesn't reflect God's kingdom, including ours.

¹⁸ Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. Some people came and asked Jesus, "How is it that John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees are fasting, but yours are not?"

¹⁹ Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? They cannot, so long as they have him with them. ²⁰ But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and on that day they will fast.

²¹ "No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. Otherwise, the new piece will pull away from the old, making the tear worse. ²² And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins."

*How do you identify with the Pharisees?

*What part of your 'kingdom' is he threatening?

*What places are you holding onto something, protecting it from Jesus?

We are also Levi, letting everything go and following Jesus

It is the people who let everything go who see the real God.

*Where do you see yourself in Levi?

*What have you let go of or allowed him to burst that was limiting your experience of God?