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"Who do you say that I am?" This is the question that Jesus asked his disciple, Peter? And this is the question people asked throughout Jesus' earthly life. From his teachings to his healings and to the miracles he performed, people wrestled with the identity of Jesus. The Gospel of Mark was written to answer just this question—Who do you say Jesus is? And this question is as relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago when Jesus asked it of Peter? In our journey through the Gospel of Mark we will study the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus and ask ourselves, "Who do you say he is?"

Jesus ushers in God's hoped-for kingdom because he is the Messianic servant and eternal Son.

- As you reflect on the message, what stood out to you? What is something you are still thinking about?
- What is something from the message that challenged you? How are you wrestling with that challenge?
- What question(s) do you have from the message?
- What is at least one practical takeaway from the message?

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2 As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,

who will prepare your way,

3 the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight,’”

4 John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. 7 And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.

8 I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

- Taking into consideration what you know from Scripture, how would you describe the kingdom of God?
- According to Mark, what was John the Baptist’s role in the kingdom of God?
- Why was John baptizing? Why did Jesus get baptized?
- Go back and look at verses 9–11. What happens when Jesus is baptized? Who are the central characters in these verses, and why are these characters important?
- Look at Isaiah 42:1. How does what happens at Jesus’ baptism confirm that Jesus is Isaiah’s messianic servant?
- What does it mean for Jesus to be the messiah?
- Look at Psalm 2:7. How does what happens at Jesus’ baptism confirm that Jesus is the eternal Son promised in the psalms?
- What does it mean for Jesus to be the eternal Son?
- Why is it important for you that Jesus is the messianic servant and eternal Son?

- When you think about the kingdom of God coming, what do you most long for and hope for?