

# WHO DO YOU SAY HE IS?



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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?"

When you welcome Jesus into your life, you must accept His GOOD Authority over your life

- 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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**21** And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. **22** And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. **23** And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, **24** “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” **25** But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” **26** And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. **27** And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” **28** And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

**29** And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. **30** Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. **31** And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

- Pastor Nick talked about the authority of Jesus this week. Authority is something that we all have to live with but also feel conflicted about. How do you view authority generally?
- How did Jesus exhibit his authority over truth? What does this say about Jesus?
- What does it mean for us to submit to Jesus' authority over truth? How should this affect our everyday lives?
- How did Jesus exhibit his authority over the spiritual realm? What does this say about Jesus?
- Why is it important for us to remember that Jesus will always have authority over Satan and the demonic?
- How did Jesus exhibit his authority over the physical world? What does this say about Jesus?
- How is Jesus authority over truth, the spiritual realm, and the physical world connected to him bringing the kingdom of God to earth?
- As you reflect on your life, what are other areas where Jesus either has authority or should have authority?

- Despite the abuse of authority by so many, why is Jesus' authority in our lives GOOD?
- How does it make you feel to know that Jesus' authority is good?
- What does it practically look like to submit to Jesus' authority over our lives?