

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?"

Because the kingdom of God is about feasting not fasting, Jesus invites us to come join the party.

- 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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¹⁸Now 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?" ¹⁹Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? They cannot, so long as they have him with them. ²⁰But 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. ²²And 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 does the question being asked of Jesus in v.18 connect to the two preceding stories in Mark?
- Why was it a big deal to 'some people' that Jesus & his disciples were feasting with tax collectors & sinners instead of fasting? Think back to Pastor Dustin's sermon from last week.
- In our culture, what things might be faux pas or inappropriate to do at a wedding?
- How does Jesus liken the arrival of the kingdom of God to a wedding banquet?
- How do religion (or moralism) and the gospel differ? And why does this matter?
- In what ways does an irreligious approach to life serve the idols of self and pride? In what ways does a moralistic approach to God serve those same idols?
- How have you experienced God's transformative grace in your own life? In the life of Vintage Church?
- If God is all powerful, he could just force us to be a part of his kingdom. Why do you think he give us a choice whether to accept or reject his kingdom?
- Which son in the *Parable of the Prodigal Son* do you identify with the most? And why?
- In our lives, what ways do we often look like the prodigal son? In what ways, do we often resemble the elder?

- Accepting God's grace means letting go of our foolish attempts to save ourselves & control our own destinies. This week, how can each of us accept God's grace and submit to Jesus' kingdom way of life?