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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?"

As a friend of sinners, Jesus welcomes anyone into the kingdom of God.

- 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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13 He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. **14** And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

15 And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. **16** And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” **17** And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

- When you think about people who are “outsiders,” what kind of people come to mind?
- Why was it such a big deal that Jesus ate “with tax collectors and sinners?” Think back to the significance of meals in the ancient world.
- Why would the religious leaders consider Jesus’ eating with tax collectors and sinners wrong?
- How does it make you feel to know that Jesus ate with tax collectors and sinners?
- How does Jesus correct our misconceptions about God?
- How does it make you feel to know that the kingdom of God is inclusive?
- How do we balance the tension between God’s holiness and God’s love for sinners?
- Who would be our “tax collectors and sinners” today?
- How can we be more like Jesus today, drawing near to sinners?
- How can we better embody the kingdom of God today, inviting anyone into the kingdom of God?
- If we truly embodied what Jesus does here in Mark 2:13–17, how would Vintage Church look different?