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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?"

Faith in Jesus is the answer to your despair.

- 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 when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. **22** Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet **23** and implored him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live.” **24** And he went with him.

And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. **25** And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, **26** and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. **27** She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. **28** For she said, “If I touch even his garments, I will be made well.” **29** And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. **30** And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my garments?” **31** And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, ‘Who touched me?’” **32** And he looked around to see who had done it. **33** But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. **34** And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

35 While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?” **36** But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” **37** And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. **38** They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. **39** And when he had entered, he said to them, “Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.” **40** And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. **41** Taking her by the hand he said to her, “Talitha cumi,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.” **42** And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. **43** And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

- We've spent the last three weeks looking at some pretty despairing situations—storms, demon possession, sickness, and even death. What kinds of despairing situations do you see people in today?
- Where do people typically turn in despairing situations? Why do you think Jairus and this woman turned to Jesus?

- How do these two stories emphasize the importance of faith in despairing situations?
- What do these two stories teach us about faith?
- What do the two stories teach us about Jesus?
- How do these two stories make you feel about Jesus?
- Why do you think people tend to have either no faith or weak faith?
- What can we do to strengthen our faith?
- Think of a despairing situation you or someone you know has been in. What does it look like for faith to take action in that situation?
- In these two stories, Jesus demonstrates that faith leads to life. Easter Sunday is less than one week away and someone in your life needs to have the life that only Jesus can give. Close by praying for those you have invited to Easter at Vintage. Pray they would come, hear the gospel, and respond!