

# 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?"

Jesus restores the sight of those who seek him.

- 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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22 And they came to Bethsaida. And some people brought to him a blind man and begged him to touch him. 23 And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Do you see anything?" 24 And he looked up and said, "I see people, but they look like trees, walking." 25 Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. 26 And he sent him to his home, saying, "Do not even enter the village."

- Take a moment to reflect and even look back over Mark 4-8. In these chapters how have the disciples been like the blind man in Mark 8:22-26?
- Why can people see what Jesus does and still be blind to who he is? Think about this theologically.
- Jesus heals the man! When Jesus asks him, "Do you see anything?" how does the blind man respond? What makes this different from every other healing Jesus has performed?
- The man's vision was better. He went from being blind to blurry. He could have settled with just blurry vision, but he didn't. Why do you think we sometimes settle for just "blurry vision?"
- Paul says something similar to what Mark is saying in Ephesians 1:17-19. Read Ephesians 1:17-19 and compare what Paul says with what happens in Mark 8:22-26.
- In Mark 8:22-26, Mark the Gospel writer is doing something intentional. Up to this point, the disciples haven't quite gotten Jesus, but they're about to. Like the blind man, they need another touch. Look ahead to that extra "touch" from Jesus. Read Mark 8:27-30. What changes?
- How do you know if your spiritual vision is getting blurry?
- What does it take for people's eyes to be opened fully?
- What do you need to do for people you know who are blind or have blurry vision?
- Close your time praying for one another. Ask the Lord to open all of your spiritual eyes fully.