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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 is both the eternally begotten Son of God and the incarnate Messianic Son who will suffer.

- 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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1 And he said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power.”

2 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, **3** and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. **4** And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. **5** And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” **6** For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. **7** And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” **8** And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

9 And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. **10** So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead might mean. **11** And they asked him, “Why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?” **12** And he said to them, “Elijah does come first to restore all things. And how is it written of the Son of Man that he should suffer many things and be treated with contempt? **13** But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written of him.”

- In any story, the setting is often an important element to the story. Think about one of your favorite books or movies. What was the setting doing in that story?
- Read Mark 9:1-2. What is the significance of the mountain in this story. How might this mountain relate or reflect back on other important mountains in the Bible?
- One of the most important parts to Mark 9:1-13 is Jesus actual transfiguration. What actually happens to Jesus on the mountain?
- In your own words, how would you describe God’s glory?
- Pastor Dustin described Jesus being transfigured as both Jesus receiving glory from the Father *and* Jesus being the glory of the Father. Why is this true?
- Read Daniel 7:9-14. How does Jesus fulfill this prophecy in his transfiguration?
- When Peter sees Jesus transfigured, he speaks but Mark says, “he did not know what to say, for they were terrified” (Mark 9:6). Why were the three disciples afraid? How can fear cause us to miss the truth about Jesus?

- When the Father speaks, not only does he affirm the sonship of Jesus, but he says, “Listen to him” (Mark 9:7). In particular, what was Jesus saying that the disciples needed to listen to?
- Why does it matter that Jesus is both the eternally begotten Son of God *and* the incarnate messianic Son?
- How should the transfiguration change or affect how we approach Jesus?