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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?"

Status in the kingdom of God is determined not by the world's standard but by Jesus' standard.

- 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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30 They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, **31** for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” **32** But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

33 And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” **34** But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. **35** And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” **36** And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, **37** “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

- When you think of status what comes to mind? How do you think about your own status?
- This is now the second time Jesus predicts his arrest, death, and resurrection. How does Jesus’ prediction square with his identity?
- Based on Jesus’ willingness to suffer and die, how do you think Jesus understood his status?
- As Jesus is discussing his impending arrest and death, what were the disciples discussing? Look at Mark 9:34.
- Based on Jesus’ response to the disciples, how do you think the disciples understood greatness?
- Read Philippians 2:5-11. How does this passage compare with what Jesus says in Mark 9? How did Jesus exhibit greatness?
- Next, Jesus picks up a small child and says, “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me” (Mark 9:37). Why would Jesus use a child as an example here?
- As you reflect on Jesus’ choice of a child, what are some contemporary examples of the types of people we should be serving?
- Status can be a tricky thing because we can blind ourselves to where we actually find our status. What are some practical ways to diagnose where you find your status?

- How can we pursue humility, becoming more like our Lord Jesus?