

WEEK 2 - WHO IS JESUS?

Introduction

Think of some of the most famous celebrities around - what is it about them that captures our attention?

Get stuck in: Read Mark 1 v 1-13

Mark 1 v1-13 begins to answer the question of *who Jesus is* through 3 distinct testimonies:

- 1) The author of the book, JOHN MARK
- 2) Jesus' cousin & well known figure of the time called John the Baptist!
- 3) The voice of GOD

1. John Mark's testimony

a) Mark gets started straight away. *What does he claim in the first sentence?*

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b) What does it mean to call Jesus the *Son of God*?

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c) Mark then quotes from an Old Testament messenger (or prophet) called ISAIAH, who about 600 years before the birth of Jesus predicted his arrival. *What does such a prediction do for Mark's testimony?*

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2. John the Baptist's testimony

a) What were the characteristics of the one who was to come?

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b) How did John see himself in comparison to Jesus?

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3. God's own testimony

What would be the effect of God's words about Jesus to someone who had heard them? ...Especially thinking of the words "*son*" "*beloved*" and "*pleased*".

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Explore the idea of God being pleased. What sort of person could please God?

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Summary We have now heard 3 testimonies from John the Baptist, Mark the author and the voice of God himself. How does this relate to the Jesus we talked of in the Introduction week?

Testimony Times

Questions and Prayer requests

Are there any personal questions from the group or any specific prayer needs?

Extended Study (for those with a little more time)

After 3. God's own testimony section look at:

- o The response of the first disciples v 14-20
- o Response of the Evil Spirit v 21-26
- o Response of the people v27 -28