



## The Promised King - Mark 1:1-13

### Connect Group Questions

We're at the start of a new series in Mark's gospel. If you want to know a little more about Mark's gospel have a look at page 2. Read through Mark 1:1-13 and pray that God would be at work by his Spirit during your time together.

1. Imagine a friend asks you what Christianity is all about, how might you answer them briefly? Have a look at verse 1 - how might this influence how you answer question 1?
2. In the early chapters of Mark's gospel we build up an idea about Jesus' identity: who he is. In these verses we have 3 voices to build the picture: an Old Testament prophet (verses 2-3), John the Baptist (verses 7-8) and God the Father (verse 11). What do we learn about who Jesus is?
3. John was hugely popular - everyone was flocking to him (verse 5). Notice how he sees himself compared to Jesus in verses 7 and 8. How big is your view of Jesus? Why not pray as we look at Mark that God's Spirit would give you a greater vision for how great Jesus is?
4. Mark is really clear Jesus is God's Son - he leads with this in verse 1 and then shows he is God the Father's loved Son (verse 11). Why do you think it's important to be clear that Jesus is not only God's Son but his loved Son?



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## Introducing Mark's Gospel

- Mark's account of Jesus is short and fast paced. It feels a bit like a film script at times.  
It's a great read.
  
- It's thought to have been written around 70AD. The author Mark or John Mark was a chap we lived in Jerusalem and was potentially quite wealthy (many people were able to gather in his home - Acts 12:12).
  
- The book looks to cover 3 questions:
  - 1) Who is Jesus?
  - 2) Why did he come?
  - 3) What does it mean to follow him?

Chapters 1-8 focus on question 1 climaxing with Peter's response in 8:27. Chapters 9-16 focus on questions 2-3. Why not commit to reading through Mark looking to answers to those 3 questions? It takes about 2 hours to read all the way through. You could even do it more than once. It will be a real help to your faith, or help you as you explore the Christian faith, to have answers to these 3 questions.