

2. In Mark 1:1, what is the Gospel about, and what claims are made about Jesus?

3. What are the two main sections of the Gospel of Mark and what do they tell us about Jesus?

4. Review 1 John 2:4 (MSG) and 1 John 5:3-4. above. What stands out to you from these verses and why?

5. From the message, what does it mean to have Christian faith (allegiance to Jesus)? Which aspect would you like to strengthen and how might you go about that?

6. Pray and ask the Lord to show you what you need to *know* and what you need to *do* in response to what you've heard and read this week. Write here what comes to mind. Share your answer with your group if appropriate.

IN YOUR GROUP

In your Cornerstone Community group this week, discuss your answers to the ON YOUR OWN questions. In a one-hour online group session, you might spend a 10-15 minutes catching up, 40 minutes talking through the discussion questions above, and 15-20 minutes praying for one another and planning ways the group can meet needs and serve others.

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*FOLLOWING JESUS MAKES LIFE BETTER
AND MAKES YOU BETTER AT LIFE.*

TODAY'S MESSAGE WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

TODAY: THE GOSPEL • MARK 1:1-15

THE BOTTOM LINE

THE _____ IS THE GOOD _____
ABOUT _____

This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah,
the Son of God. – Mark 1:1 NLT

You search the Scriptures because you think they give you
eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me! – John 5:39 NLT

If someone visits a particular church, how do they fill in the blank, "They sure talk a lot about _____ there!"

THE GOSPEL OF MARK: **TWO MAJOR SECTIONS**
CULMINATING IN **TWO ASTOUNDING CONFESSIONS**

THE **KING**

As they were walking along, he asked them,
"Who do people say I am?"
"Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say
Elijah, and others say you are one of the other prophets."
Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?"
Peter replied, "You are the Messiah."
– Mark 8:27b-29 NLT

*The Messiah or Christ was the promised kingly representative of God who would
set his people free and put things right.*

&
THE **CROSS**

When the Roman officer who stood facing him saw how he had
died, he exclaimed, "This man truly was the Son of God!"
– Mark 15:39 NLT
For context, see Mark 15:16-20.

*"Gospel" was in common use, meaning a proclamation of good news often related
to the emperor and his victories. Worship of the Roman emperor was encouraged
with titles like "Son of God."*

INTRODUCING THE **KINGDOM**

Later on, after John was arrested, Jesus went into Galilee, where
he preached God's Good News. "The time promised by God
has come at last!" he announced. "The Kingdom of God is near!
Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!"
– Mark 1:14-15 NLT

THE **GOSPEL**: IT'S ALL ABOUT **JESUS**

_____ Jesus Is
_____ Jesus Did
What It _____ for Us

THE **KINGDOM** OF GOD IMPLIES **FAITHFUL**
ALLEGIANCE TO **JESUS** AS KING

*...the allegiance concept welds mental agreement,
professed fealty, and embodied loyalty...*
– Matthew W. Bates

MENTAL **AGREEMENT**

What We _____
Our _____

You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God.
Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble
in terror. – James 2:19 NLT

PROFESSED FEALTY

What We _____
Our _____

...that message is the very message about faith that we preach:
If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart
that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
– Romans 10: 8b-9 NLT

EMBODIED LOYALTY

What We _____
Our _____

If someone claims, "I know him well!" but doesn't keep his
commandments, he's obviously a liar.
His life doesn't match his words.
– 1 John 2:4 MSG

Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his
commandments are not burdensome. For every child of God
defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our
faith. – 1 John 5:3-4 NLT

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& resource you for your new life in Christ.*

ON YOUR OWN

Answer these questions this week to reflect and go deeper.
TALK IT OVER with friends right now, using the
questions highlighted in **bold**.

- 1. What are some things or concerns that church can
become "about" other than Jesus?**