

Review:

- The Gospels reveal the person of Jesus, the message of Jesus, and the methods of Jesus (SCMD).
- We are to be disciples of Jesus and to make disciples of Jesus.
- A disciple is one who is following Jesus, being changed by Jesus, and is on mission with Jesus.
- It takes faith to be a disciple of Jesus.
- Faith *in* Jesus leads to action *for* Jesus.

A disciple of Jesus is one who:

1. Believes the truth about who Jesus is—Faith.
2. Believes that what Jesus said and did is true and works—Faith.
3. Lives their life according to their faith in Jesus—Action resulting from Faith.

James 2:14, 18-17 ¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ... ¹⁸But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.” Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. ¹⁹You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder. ²⁰You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless ²¹Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²²You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. ²³And the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,” and he was called God’s friend. ²⁴You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

Three Questions: Who is Jesus? What did He say? What are we to do as result?

Who is Jesus? ...Is it true?

- Who do people say Jesus is?
- Who do you say Jesus is?
- Who does God say Jesus is?

Peter’s _____ of Jesus:

Mark 8:27-30 ²⁷Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?” ²⁸They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

The Transfiguration:

Mark 9:2-8 ²After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁶(He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) ⁷Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” ⁸Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

Jesus is _____ (_____), _____ (_____),
 & _____ !

What does Jesus say? ...Is it true? ...Will it work?

Jesus predicts His death:

Mark 8:31-33 ³¹He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³²He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

The Way of the Cross:

Mark 8: 34-38 ³⁴Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

Do you believe this is true? Did these truths become reality? Are they true still today?

What do I do as a result of who Jesus is, what He says, and what He has done?

- The example of Peter:
 - What did he believe?
 - How did he act in response?
- God appreciates zealousness but desires obedience.

Questions to Ponder:

1. Who is Jesus to you?
2. Do you believe what Jesus said was true then and is true now?
3. How do your actions support your beliefs?
4. In what ways do your actions contradict your beliefs?
5. What areas of your life are you choosing to act according to your own concerns rather than the concerns of God?
6. What is one Next Step you can take to grow in your faith and obedience to Jesus?
7. Who can you share your thoughts with from this message?

The Book of Mark Reading Plan:

July 1-July 7: **Mark 9:14-50**

July 8-July 14: **Mark 10:1-52**

July 15-July 21: **Mark 11-12**