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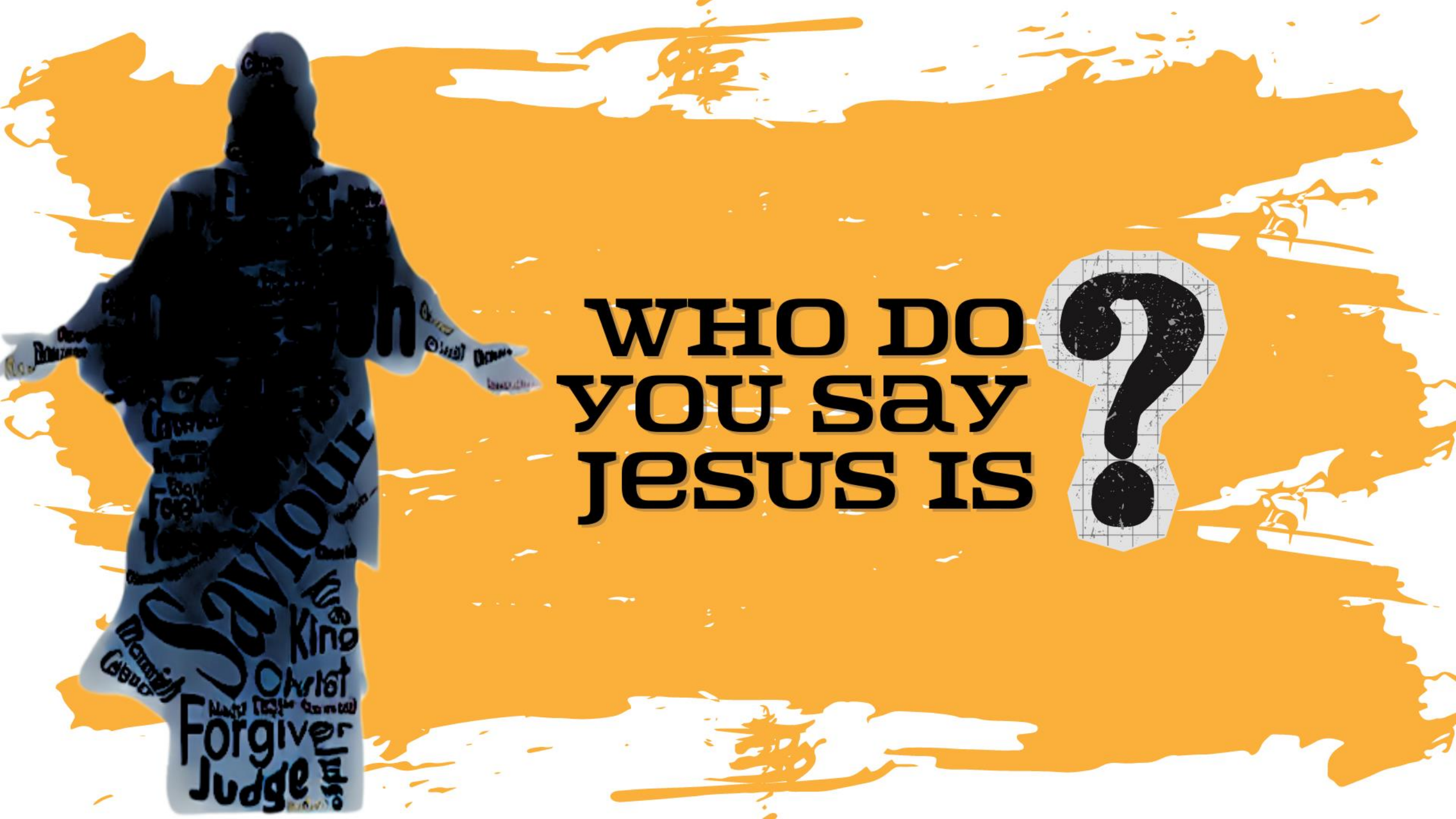
## **Mark 8:27-29 (NIV)**

<sup>27</sup> Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" <sup>28</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. **"Who do you say I am?"**



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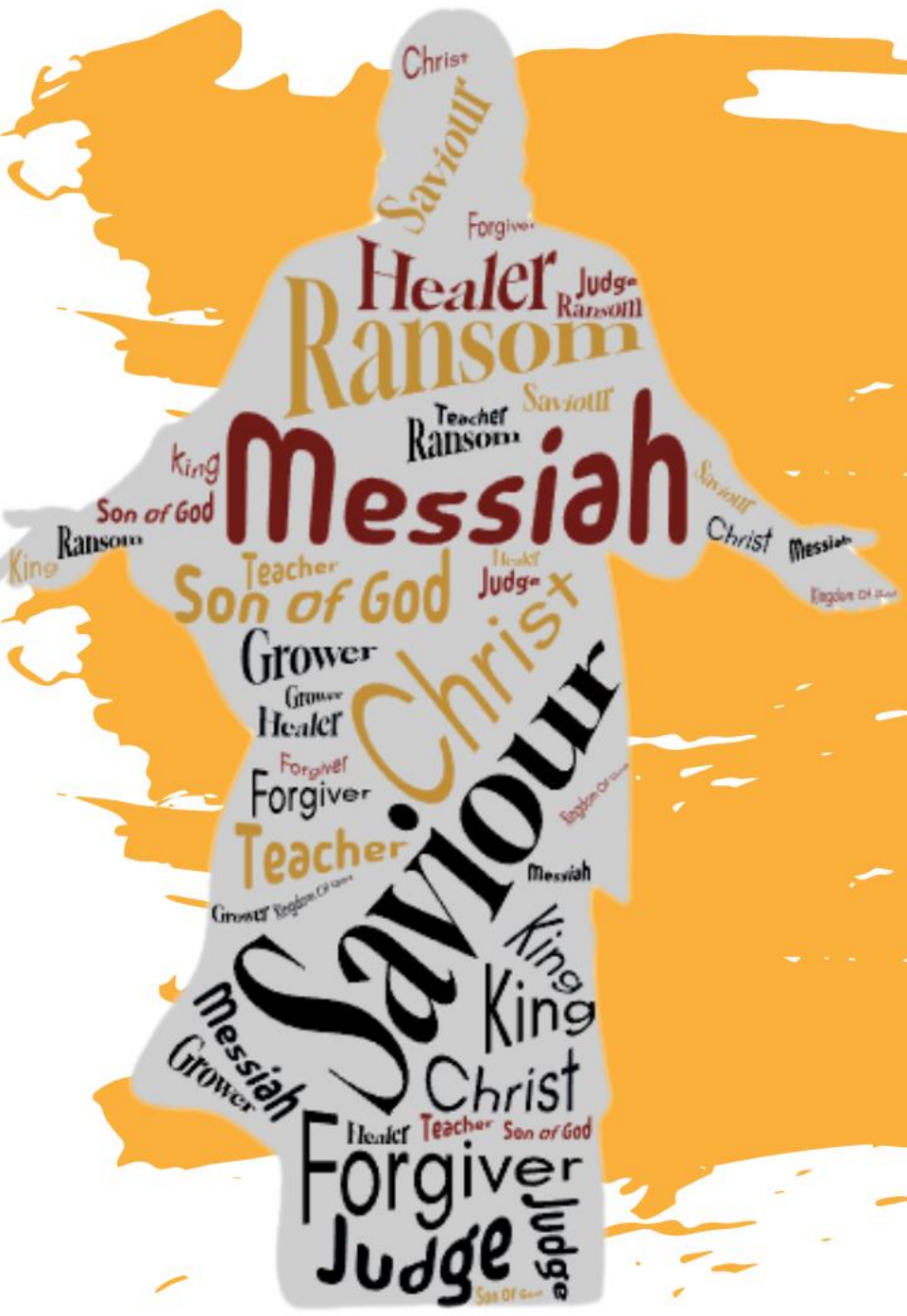




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**Author** = a Christian scribe named Mark (or **John Mark**).

- Close associate of Peter (1 Peter 5:13)
- Coworker with the Apostle Paul (Colossians 4:10)
- Early church history records that Mark collected all the eyewitness accounts of Peter and shaped them into this account.

**Date** = possibly as early as the **mid to late 50's AD**.

- *Some favour a later date in the mid to late 60's.*

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*The Gospel According To Mark*

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- **The extraordinary claim of Mark is that Jesus is "*the Messiah, the Son of God*"**

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**The Messiah (Christ) = The anointed one**

- *Those who had the favour of God.*
- *Those anointed were usually Prophets, Priests or Kings.*



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*<sup>4</sup> The Word **became flesh and made his dwelling among us**. We have seen his glory, the glory of **the one and only Son**, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

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- God the Father expresses His holy pleasure at the sight of His son obediently submitting to His will and entering into our humanity so that we might be saved. (v.11; cf. John 3:16)



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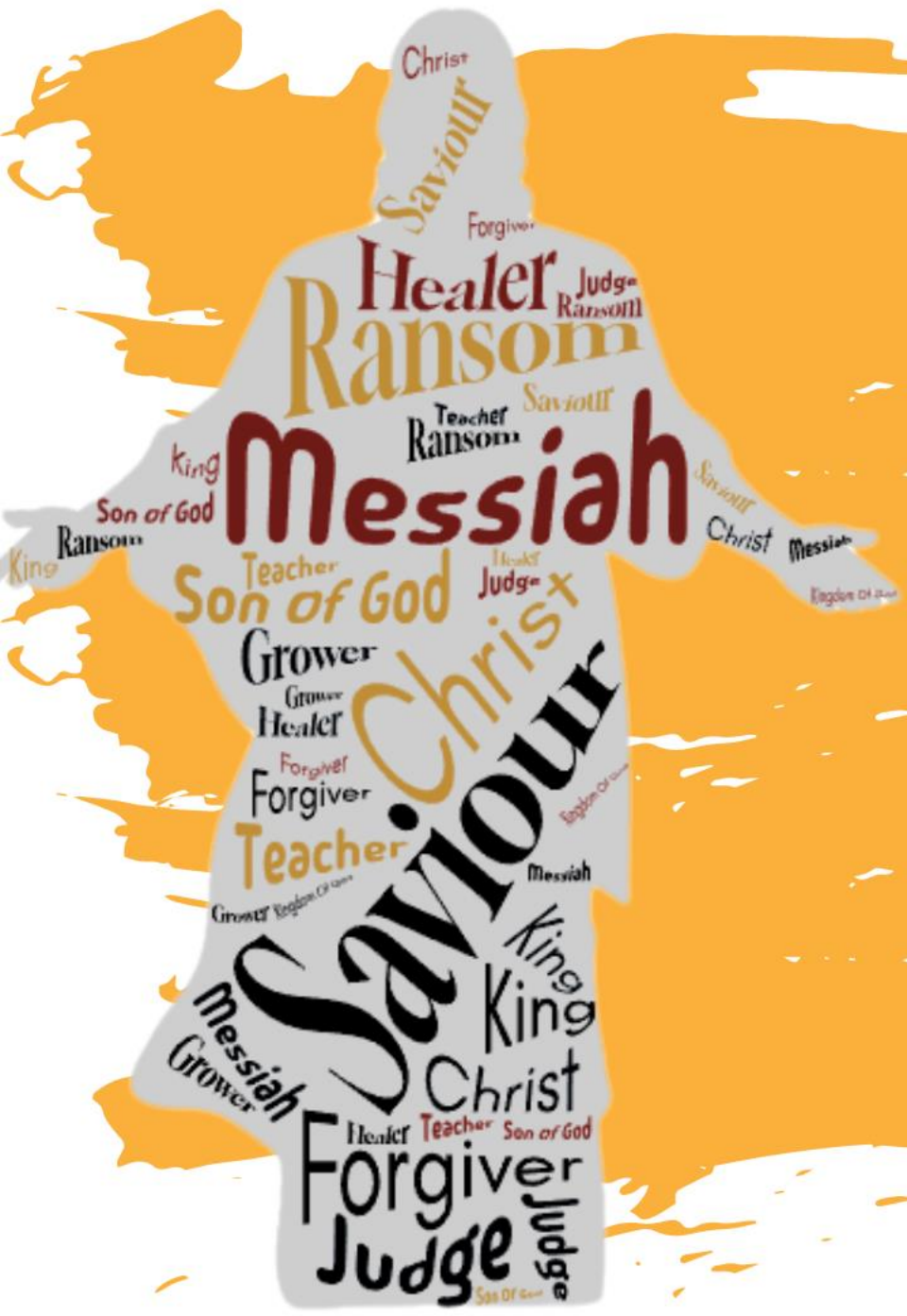
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### Mark 1:14-15 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> *After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God.* <sup>15</sup> *"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. **Repent and believe the good news!"***



**If Jesus is who Mark claimed  
He is, then this changes  
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