

WH  DO YOU 

SAY I AM  

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO **MARK**

Identity

- Who or what a person is
- Characteristics that distinguish them from others
- Set of characteristics that are unique to a person
- Creates self-awareness
- Both descriptive & predictive



So far...

- The Kingdom of God (1:14-28)
- Forgiver (2:1-12)
- Healer (3:1-35)
- Grower (4:10-32)
- **King (Mark 6:6-29) - *today***

“Who do you say I am?” (Mark 8:29)

KING

Mark 6:6-29

Declarations

- Birth: “Where is the one born King of the Jews?” (Matt 2:2)
- Ridicule: “Hail, King of the Jews!” (Mark 15:18)
- Death: “The King of the Jews” (Mark 15:26)
- Identity: “My kingdom is not of this world” (Jn 18:36)

A Crowd & Two Kings

- ❖ Crowd – 6:1-6
- ❖ King Jesus – 6:7-13
- ❖ King Herod – 6:14-29

The Crowd (6:1-6)

Who is this teacher?

- ❑ ¹What He says (wisdom) & ²what He does (mighty works) (see Matthew 11:4-6)
- ❑ Status- a tradie, a local, four brothers & some sisters

Response: disciples followed (1), many astonished (2), most offended (3) and did not believe (6)

King Herod: *how many Herods?*

“Herod” = *dynasty that ruled Judea; means “heroic” but they were corrupt, dysfunctional and devious*

1. Herod the Great (40-04 BC) *(tried to kill baby Jesus)*
2. Herod Archelaus (4BC – 6 AD)
3. **Herod the Tetrarch (Antipas)**
4. Herod the King (Agrippa) (Acts 12:1)
5. Agrippa – son of Herod Agrippa

Herod Antipas

- He divorced his Nabataean wife (Phasaelis), the daughter of Aretas IV, king of the Nabataeans, to marry Herodias, formerly the wife of his half-brother Philip. (*Herodias was the niece of both Philip & Antipas*). The marriage offended his former father-in-law and alienated his Jewish subjects. Aretas IV subsequently invaded and defeated Herod Antipas.
- John the Baptist confronted him
- Herodias nagged her husband to have him imprisoned

King Herod (6:14-29)

- Lived a life of chaos, confusion and contradiction
- Lust led him to disobey God (18) & then to make a foolish promise to Salome (22)
- Acknowledged John the Baptist as a godly man (what he did) with a godly message of truth (what he said) (20)
- His effort to remain relevant/popular to his guests and his step-daughter (26) resulted in a life of guilt (16)

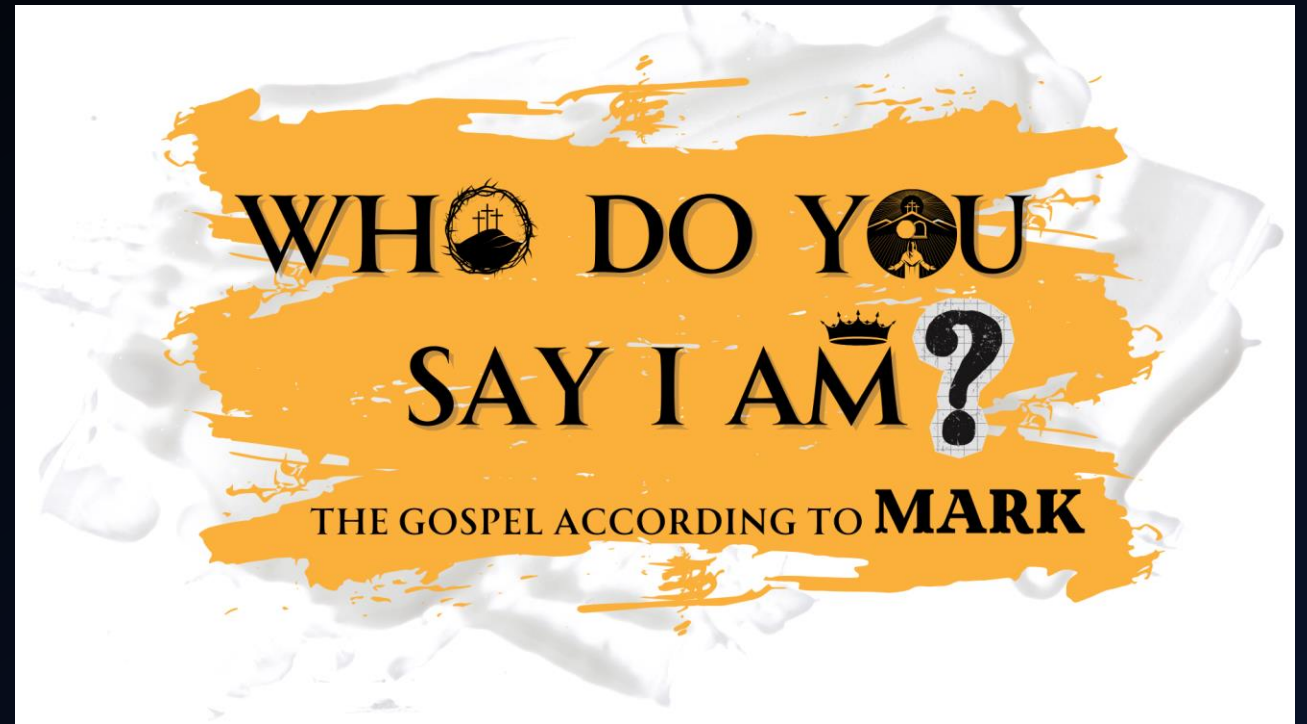
King Jesus (6:7-13)

- Local identity (1-6)
- Spiritual identity (7-13)
 1. *v7 Action-reflection discipleship (see 3:13-14)*
 2. *v7 Authority delegated*
 3. *v8 Absence of clutter*
 4. *v11 Acceptance & adversity*
 5. *v12, 13 Action*
 6. *v30 Accountability*

Lesson to learn

Identity remains indispensable!

- Society has exchanged truth for relevance
- Crowd struggled with truth & relevance
- Herod opted for relevance over truth
- ✓ King Jesus is both truth & relevant



Your choice:

The crowd: *Jesus just a man*

King Herod: *Hearing but not relevant*

King Jesus: *He is my King, Saviour*