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The Book of Mark: Who Do You Say I Am?

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Memory Verse: For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. Mark 8:35

The most important question of life! Mark 8:29

What does it mean to declare Jesus as Lord, Messiah, the Son of God?

Matthew 16:16 You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

1. **You acknowledge that Jesus is the Son of God who saves all who believe in Him.**
2. **You resolve that Jesus' teaching (the Word of God) is the absolute authority in your life and commit to learn and obey it.**

John 8:31-32 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

3. **You receive the forgiveness of all your sins, the healing available through the cross, and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to defeat evil.**

Romans 10:9-10 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

Colossians 2:15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

4. **You embrace your new identity as a child of God. You are adopted into the family of God and have intimate fellowship with His Holy Spirit.**

John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Galatians 4:5 God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

The faith-filled declaration of "Jesus is Lord" is the cornerstone of the church

Matthew 16:17-19 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

What is Jesus saying?

1. The revelation of "Jesus is Lord," comes from God, not man. This is supernatural!
2. This revelation is the cornerstone of the church: "Jesus is Lord."
3. Through this revelation the church is empowered to overcome evil.
4. Heaven's authority & resources are available to those under Jesus' lordship.

Mark 8:34-37 Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

My profession of faith is not just words, but internal convictions resulting in my confession: "Jesus is Lord."

Core Convictions

1. Forgiveness of my sins is only through faith in Jesus, not my works.
2. Lordship implies ownership. My life belongs to God.
3. The Word of God is recognized as the final authority in my life.
4. My purpose in life is to seek first God's kingdom.

What about you? Who do you say I am?

- ◇ I acknowledge that Jesus is the Son of God who saves all who believe in Him.
- ◇ I resolve that the Word of God is the absolute authority in my life & commit to learn and obey it.
- ◇ I receive the forgiveness of all my sins, the healing available through the cross, and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to defeat evil.
- ◇ I embrace my new identity as a child of God. I am adopted into the family of God and have intimate fellowship with His Holy Spirit.

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Life Group Discussion:

1. Memory Verse: *For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.* (Mark 8:35). What does this verse mean to you?
2. Discuss the four Core Convictions inherent to declaring, "Jesus is Lord" and how important they are to settle these in one's heart at the time of confession.
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 2. Lordship implies ownership. My life belongs to God.
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 4. My purpose in life is to seek first God's kingdom.
3. Answer the question Jesus asks you, "What about you? Who do you say I am?" Who is Jesus to you personally?
4. What role can we play in helping others come to the right conclusion about their own perception of who Jesus is?