

Gospel of Mark

Session 2: The Turning Point

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I. Welcome and Introductions

Welcome & Introduce myself

Other introductions as necessary

Teaser: Have you hiked up a mountain? When? Can you describe that experience?

II. The Gospel of Mark (Instant Recap)

A. What's important to Mark in what we've read so far?

1. Who is Jesus?
2. Where does Jesus get His authority?

B. Where are we in the story?

III. Chapter 8:22–9:1 — The Turning Point

A. Setting the Scene — Caesarea Philippi

Mount Hermon — 119 miles and about 5 hours drive from Jerusalem

The Temples — Pan and Caesar

The View from there

B. Healing of a Blind Man at Bethsaida

Why do you think Jesus took this man out of the village before healing him?

Why do you think Jesus healed this man in stages?

C. "Who do you think I am?"

What are the people of Jesus' day saying about who Jesus is?

What do people of our day say about who Jesus is?

What does Mark call Jesus?

Son of God (4x; 1:1 (Intro), 1:11 (God says it!), 3:11 (unclean spirits), 15:39
(centurion who watched Jesus die)

Son of Man (14x; see back)

In the OT (186x; half in Ezekiel) with two general meanings

1. A person — See Numbers 23:19 and Ezekiel 2:1–2
2. Divine Figure — See Daniel 7:13–14

In the NT (Appears 86x in 82 verses. In the Gospels, 82x in 78 verses.)

Christ (7x, but Jesus never says it of himself; except perhaps 14:62)

D. Being Christ and a Christ-follower

Why does Peter go from "star pupil" to "in the doghouse" so quickly?

What does being the Christ mean?

Four verbs —

What does being a Christ-follower mean?

Three verbs —

Why?

IV. "And you, who do you say that I am?"

The "Son of Man" in the New Testament

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Matthew 30x Luke 25x Mark 14x John 13x

The "Son of Man" in the Gospel of Mark

Mark 2:10 But that you may know that the **Son of Man** has authority on earth to forgive sins . . .

..” He said to the paralytic,

Mark 2:28 So the **Son of Man** is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

Mark 8:31 He then began to teach them that the **Son of Man** must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.

Mark 8:38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the **Son of Man** will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

Mark 9:9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the **Son of Man** had risen from the dead.

Mark 9:12 Jesus replied, “To be sure, Elijah does come first, and restores all things. Why then is it written that the **Son of Man** must suffer much and be rejected?

Mark 9:31 because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The **Son of Man** is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.”

Mark 10:33 “We are going up to Jerusalem,” he said, “and the **Son of Man** will be betrayed to the chief priests and teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles,

Mark 10:45 For even the **Son of Man** did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Mark 13:26 “At that time men will see the **Son of Man** coming in clouds with great power and glory.

Mark 14:21 The **Son of Man** will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the **Son of Man**! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

Mark 14:41 Returning the third time, he said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the **Son of Man** is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Mark 14:62 “I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the **Son of Man** sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

Christ in Mark

Mark 1:1 The beginning of the gospel about Jesus **Christ**, the Son of God.

Mark 8:29 “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Peter answered, “You are the **Christ**.”

Mark 9:41 I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to **Christ** will certainly not lose his reward.

Mark 12:35 While Jesus was teaching in the temple courts, he asked, “How is it that the teachers of the law say that the **Christ** is the son of David?

Mark 13:21 At that time if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the **Christ** !’ or, ‘Look, there he is!’ do not believe it.

Mark 14:61 But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer.

Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the **Christ**, the Son of the Blessed One?”

Mark 15:32 Let this **Christ**, this King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe.” Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.