

6. What did King David do in Jerusalem when he became King of Israel? What did he put in the center of the city and what did this act represent? See 2 Samuel 6:12-15
7. Who is Jesus according to the verses below found in the book of Mark? What is Mark trying to demonstrate by using this term over and over again regarding Jesus?

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

Mark 1:11

11 And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." NIV

Mark 9:7

7 Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" NIV

Mark 12:6

6 "He had one left to send, a son, whom he loved. He sent him last of all, saying, 'They will respect my son.' NIV

Mark 14:61-62

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?" 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." NIV

Mark 15:39

39 And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!" NIV

8. John the Baptist coming as a forerunner of Jesus was predicted in these scriptures in the Old Testament hundreds of years before he showed up in the Wilderness baptizing people. Look up and discuss. **Malachi 3:1-4, Malachi 4:5-6, Isaiah 40:3-5.**
9. David E. Garland in The NIV Application Commentary on the gospel of Mark writes: "To go out to someone like this in the desert requires a break with the institutions and culture of Jerusalem." Why was it significant that John the Baptist's ministry was outside the mainstream of activity in Jerusalem?
10. What does the Jordan River symbolize for Israel? Deuteronomy 4:22, 12:10. What does the Lord say about new things for his people in Isaiah 43:19?

Final Thought

The type of Jesus that Mark writes about is not a small or manageable Jesus. He is powerful and dynamic. No one like him has ever walked the face of this planet. He super-sized the image his readers had of Jesus. No one is like him Mark seems to be saying. There never has been and never will be anyone like Jesus to walk our planet. He is the kind of Jesus that is even worth dying for because he is the eternal son of God and holds all of eternity in his hand, an eternity that will be under his rule and Kingdom of which we are a part.