

## Reflection: Jesus as a...

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John each depict Jesus differently. He is portrayed as a teacher in Matthew, a suffering servant in Mark, a compassionate savior in Luke, or a life-giving divine savior in John.

The important question is:

# HOW DO YOU SEE JESUS?

You may use one of the images expressed in the Gospels, but you are encouraged to explain a personal portrayal of Jesus. Please be specific and thorough in your description of how you see Jesus.



THE GOSPEL  
OF MARK

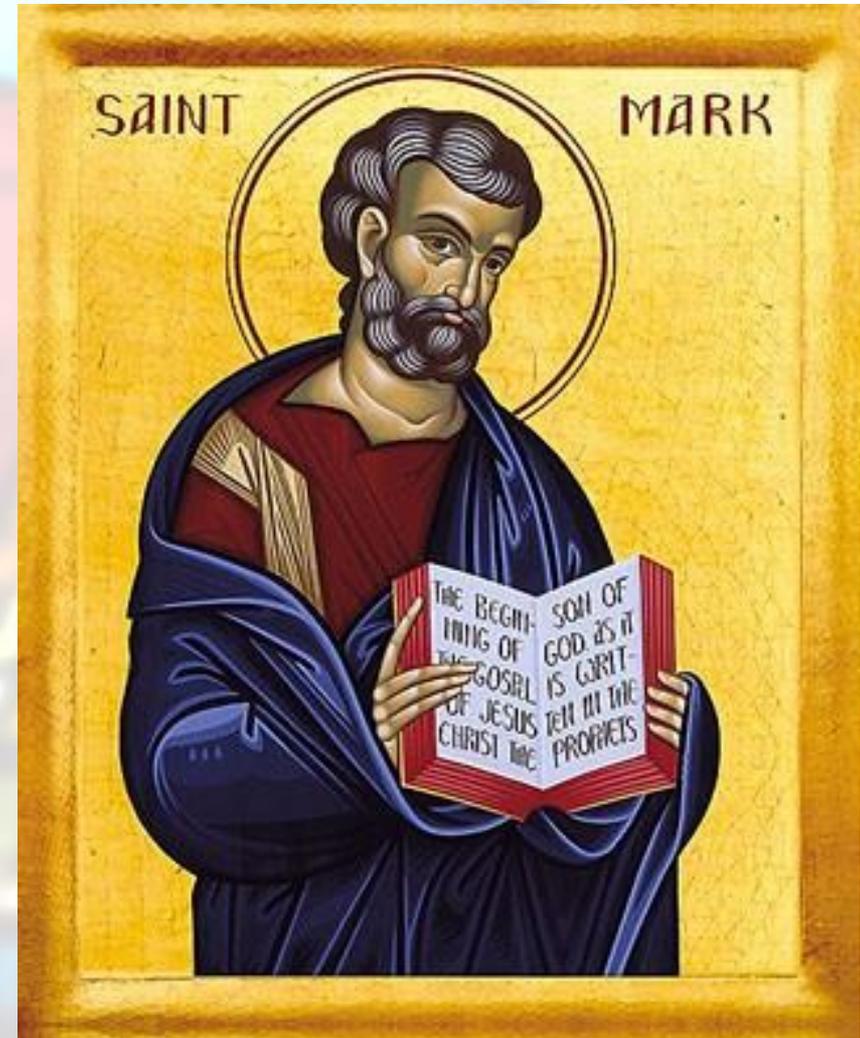
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<b>Mark</b>	Unknown... † John Mark (a friend of Paul) † a Gentile Christian (might be a disciple of Peter)	AD 65-AD 70 † 30 yrs after Jesus' Resurrection & Ascension into Heaven † b4 & during the fall of Jerusalem & the Temple † Roman Emperor: Nero = lots of Christian persecution & martyrdom	probably Rome	Gentile Christians- references the OT since the audience didn't know about the Scriptures	un-recognized, suffering, serving Messiah	none- Jesus is a servant & servants didn't have genealogies @ this time

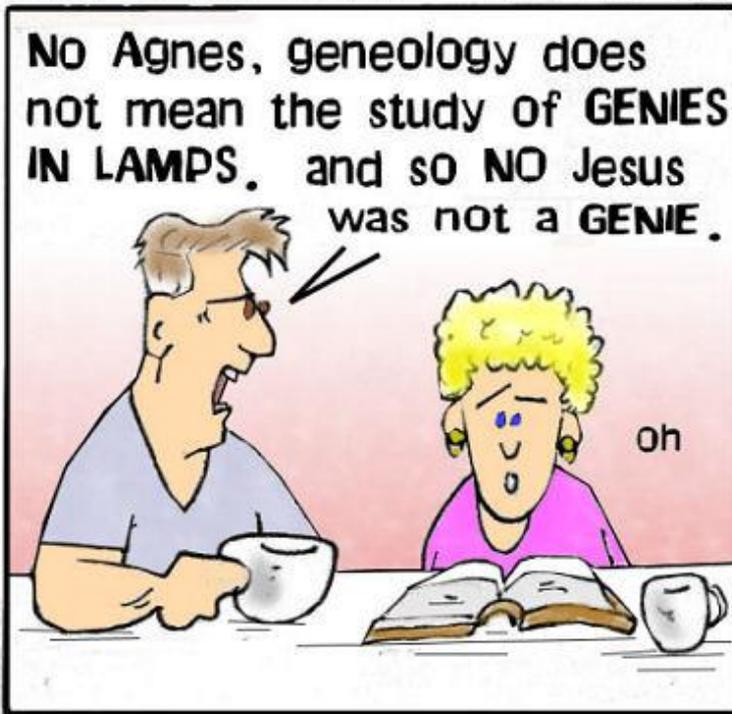
# The Gospel of Mark AKA...

- ▶ The Gospel of Nonviolence
  - ▶ Christians refused to defend the Temple b/c Jesus was the New Temple
- ▶ Some others...
  - ▶ The Gospel of Conversion
  - ▶ The Gospel of the Cross
  - ▶ The Gospel of "the Way"



# A Synoptic Gospel? The OG

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



The Geneology of Jesus **Mt. 1:1-17, Lk 3:23-38**

- ▶ differences from Matthew & Luke
  - ▶ no genealogy for Jesus
  - ▶ Joseph, Mary's husband, is not mentioned
  - ▶ no infancy narrative
    - ▶ starts with his public ministry

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# The Characters



## THE FOLLOWERS

- ▶ those whose actions showed their devotion to him
  - ▶ Mary, Jesus' mother
  - ▶ The Apostles
  - ▶ women
  - ▶ sinners
  - ▶ tax collectors
  - ▶ those who suffered
  - ▶ unnamed disciples

## JEWISH & POLITICAL AUTHORITIES

- ▶ those who questioned, accused, rejected, & conspired against Jesus
- ▶ the Jewish Religious Authorities
  - ▶ the Pharisees
  - ▶ the Sadducees
    - ▶ the Sanhedrin
    - ▶ the chief priests
    - ▶ the elders
  - ▶ the scribes
- ▶ the political authorities
  - ▶ the Herodians
    - ▶ supporters of King Herod

# John the Baptist

- ▶ was prophesied by Isaiah (Mark 1:3)
  - ▶ sent by God to pave the way for Jesus
- ▶ was baptized by God
- ▶ baptized Jesus
  - ▶ identified his MESSIANIC MESSAGE
    - ▶ Jesus announces himself as the Messiah predicting he *MUST* suffer, die, & be raised to fulfill the covenant & God's Will.
- ▶ was arrested by Herod Antipas
  - ▶ symbolizes the constant struggle b/w good & evil
  - ▶ Jesus symbolizes victory over evil



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STICKY WARS:

# Disciple

Mark 10:43-45

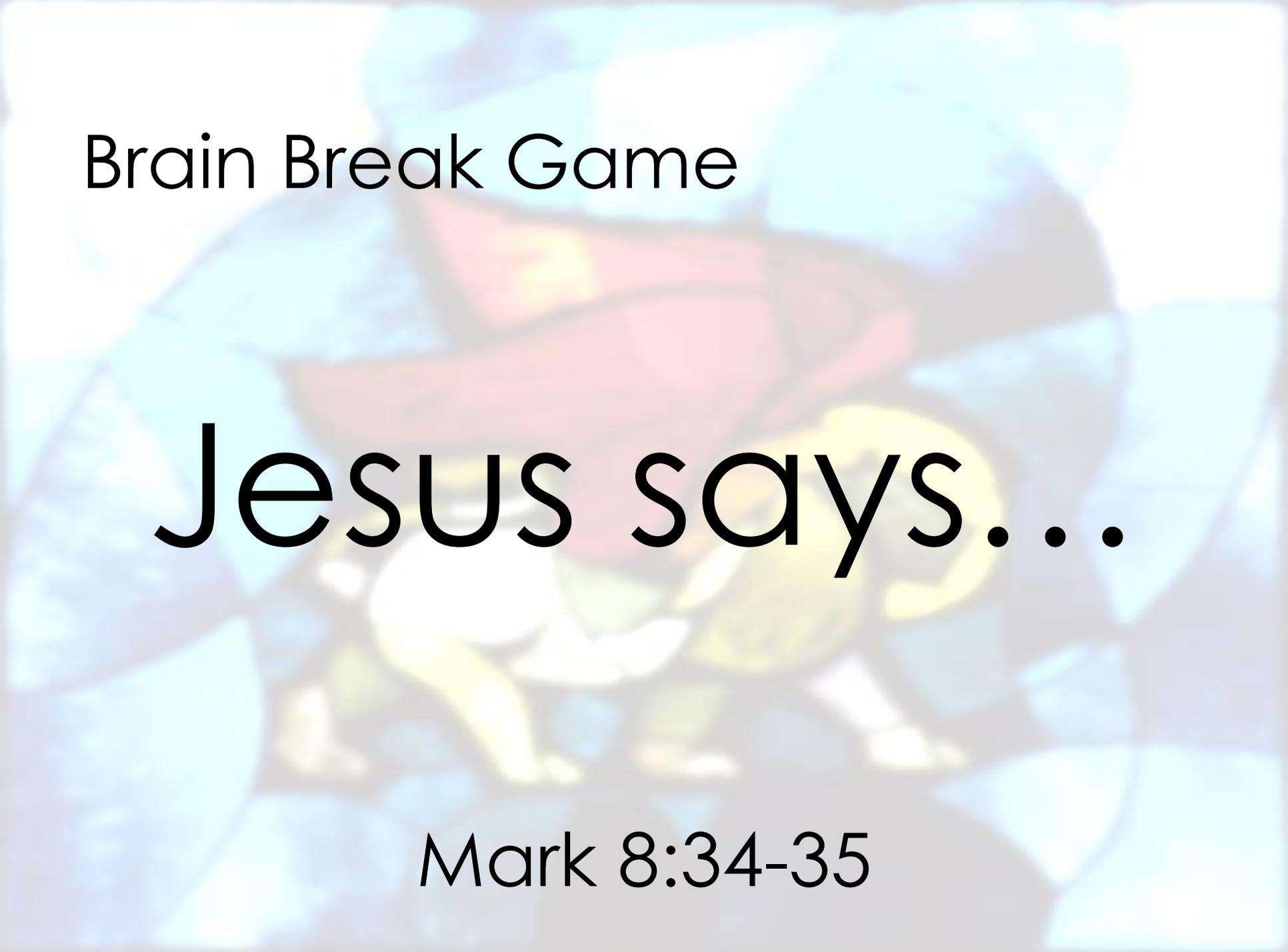
# Discipleship

- ▶ someone who responds to Jesus' call to follow him
- ▶ strives to lead a life reflective of Jesus'
  - ▶ follow in Jesus' footsteps
    - ▶ accepts God's grace
    - ▶ turns from evil
    - ▶ stand up for good
    - ▶ asks for forgiveness
    - ▶ carry their "crosses"



# Jesus Calls The Apostles

- ▶ Mark 1:16-20...Jesus calls Simon (Peter), Andrew, James, & John
  - ▶ no warning & not prepared
  - ▶ leave everything (John & James even leave Zebedee, their father) to follow Jesus
- ▶ Mark 3:13-19...Jesus calls Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James (son of Alphaeus), Thaddeus, Simon the Cananean, & Judas Iscariot
  - ▶ in the OT: 12 Tribes of Jacob.
  - ▶ in the NT: 12 Apostles
  - ▶ *apostolos*
    - ▶ “one who is sent”
    - ▶ live with Jesus & share his ministry
- ▶ Mark 6:7-13...Jesus calls his apostles to preach & heal
  - ▶ they will be poor and sometimes rejected
  - ▶ they will trust God's care



# Brain Break Game

# Jesus says...

Mark 8:34-35

# Conversion Experiences

## “see the light”

- ▶ 1<sup>st</sup> takes place @ Baptism
- ▶ we are to turn to God, away from sin, & do what God asks of us
- ▶ made possible by the Holy Spirit



# Reflection: Mountains and Valleys

1. Explain a time in your life when your relationship with God was at its highest ↑
2. Explain a time in your life when your relationship with God was at its lowest ↓



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Jesus Christ  
THE SON OF GOD

- ▶ Jesus is 100% divine.
- ▶ Mark 1:1
  - ▶ “The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.”
- ▶ Jesus is intimately & eternally related to God the Father

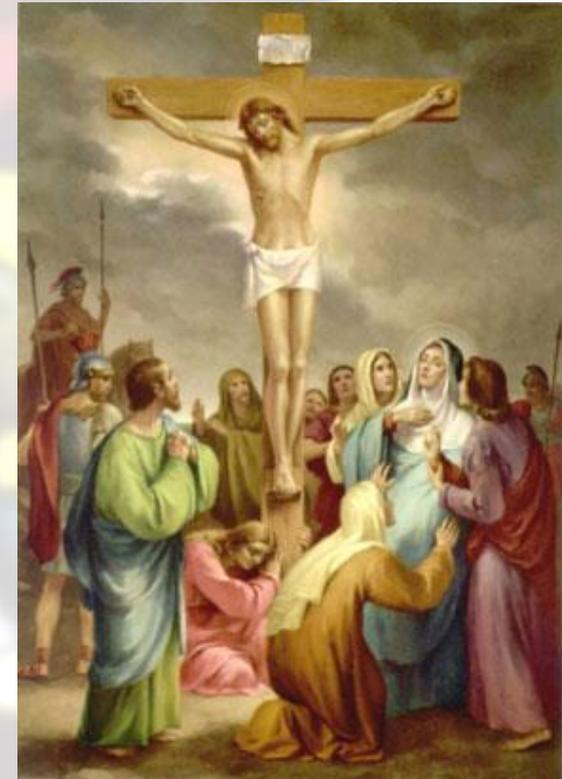
# Jesus: The Messiah

## The Messianic Secret (Mark 1:1-8:33)

- ▶ Jesus heals, preaches, teaches, & demands the apostles not to tell others about his miracles...but they do...

## The Messianic Mystery (Mark 8:27-15:37)

- ▶ Jesus MUST suffer, die, & be raised
  - ▶ the apostles were expecting a hero-Messiah, not a prophet-Messiah
    - ▶ hero-Messiah: a worldly messiah
      - ▶ a political or military leader who brings sovereignty, wealth, & freedom to the Jewish people
    - ▶ prophet-Messiah: a suffering servant
      - ▶ someone who suffers & dies so that sins may be forgiven & eternal life received in God's Kingdom



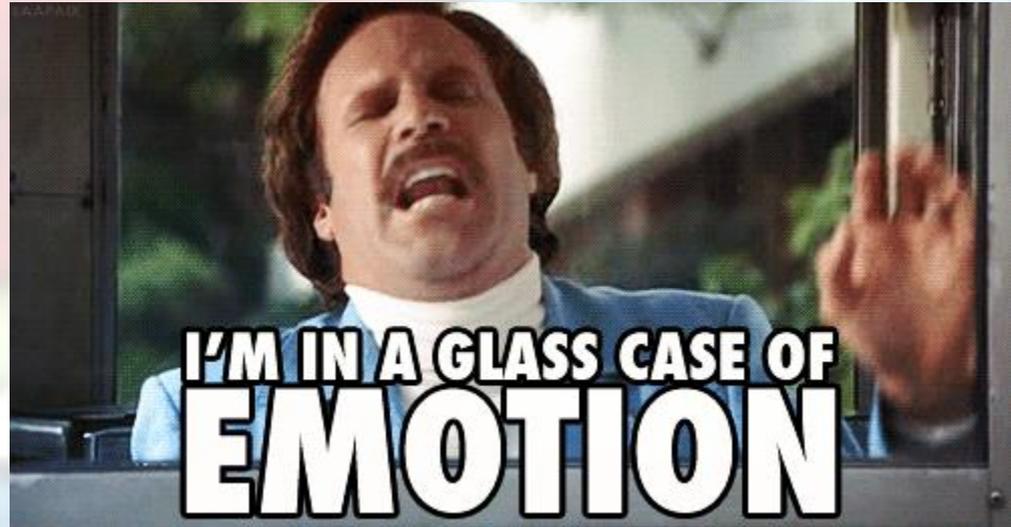


# Jesus, SON of MAN

- ▶ Jesus is 100% human.
- ▶ The Emotions of Jesus
  - ▶ Anger
  - ▶ Fear
  - ▶ Happiness
  - ▶ Impatience
  - ▶ Sympathy
  - ▶ Mercy

# Reflection: Emotions

1. Explain a time in your life when Jesus shared your happiness 😊
2. Explain a time in your life when Jesus shared your pain ☹️
3. Explain a time in your life when Jesus was present in your life (any emotion of your choice (i.e. anger, fear, impatience, sympathy, mercy, etc.)



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# The Transfiguration (Mark 9:2-8)



# The Transfiguration of Jesus

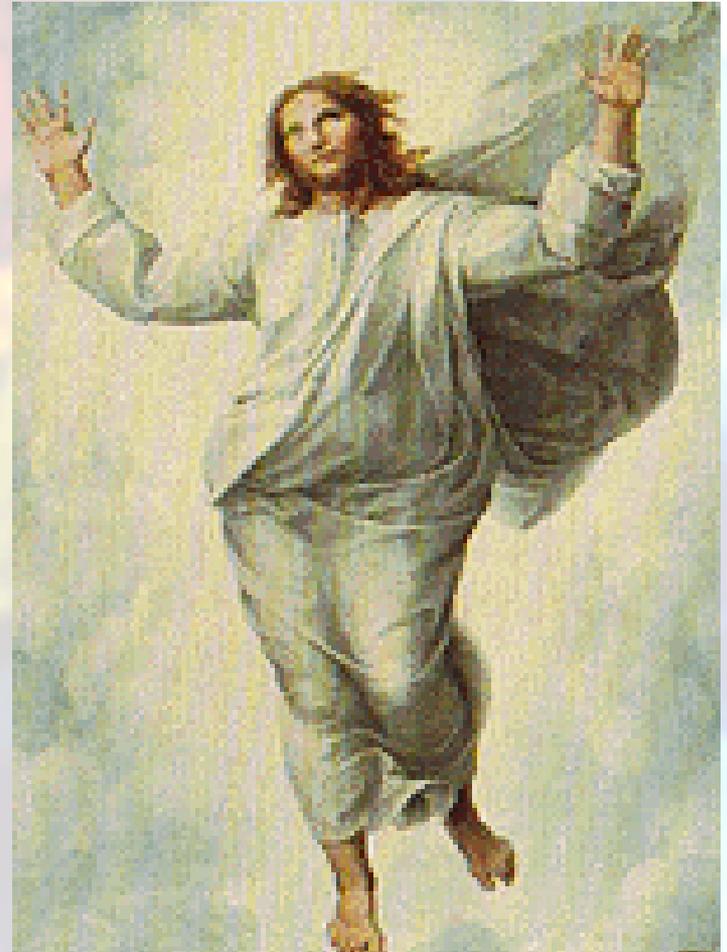
- ▶ How is the Trinity present?
  - ▶ Father...the voice
  - ▶ Son...Jesus
  - ▶ Holy Spirit...the cloud

**Jesus' Baptism begins his public ministry**

**as**

**Jesus' Transfiguration begins his Passion,  
Death, & Resurrection**

- ▶ We celebrate Jesus' Transfiguration ...
  1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent: preparation for his Passion, Death, & Resurrection
  2. August 6<sup>th</sup>: The Feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus



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# 3 Predictions of the Passion

**DIRECTIONS:** (completed in your notebook)

1. Read each of the Scripture passages...

▶ Mark 8:31-33,

▶ Mark 9:30-32,

▶ Mark 10:32-45

2. In each passage...

a. explain the prediction being made by Jesus

b. explain what the apostles expect of the Jesus as the Messiah (HINT: It will contradict the TRUE meaning of Jesus as the Messiah.)



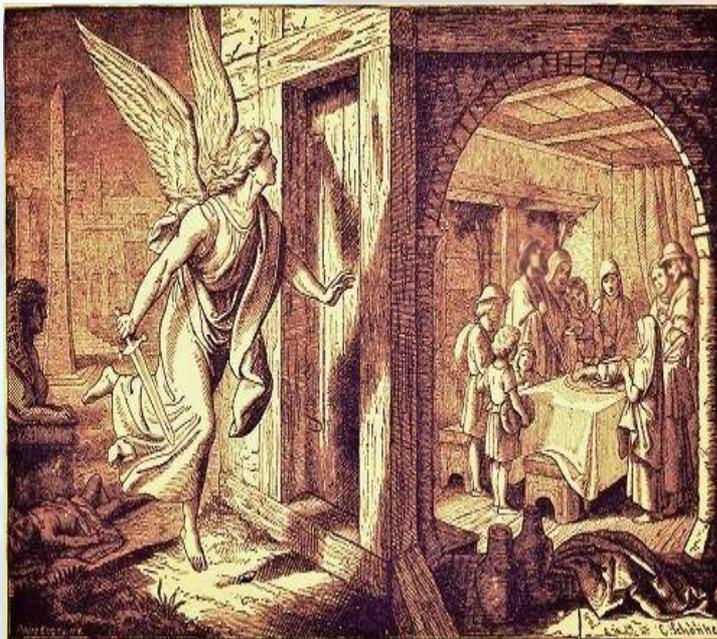
The Paschal

Mystery

# Passover = Paschal Mystery

## Old Testament

- ▶ God saved the Israelites from slavery & death in Egypt



## New Testament

- ▶ Jesus saves us from sin & eternal death





Holy week

# Passion Sunday (Mark 11:1-11)

- ▶ Jesus was welcomed & accepted as the Messiah by the people of Jerusalem



# Holy Thursday: The Last Supper (Mark 14:12-16, 22-26)

- ▶ Jesus & his Apostles celebrate Passover
- ▶ 1 & only's in the Gospel of Mark
  - ▶ Jesus call himself "Teacher"
  - ▶ Jesus calls the Apostles "my disciples"
- ▶ The New Passover=The Last Supper=The Eucharist
  - ▶ the last time Jesus eats w/ the Apostles
  - ▶ Jesus teaches the Apostles that the bread & wine becomes his Body & Blood
    - ▶ the new covenant b/w God & His people





Good Friday:  
The Last Hours of Jesus' Life

# The Garden of Gethsemane @ The Mount of Olives (Mark 14:32-50)



- ▶ Jesus prays to God the Father for His will to be done
- ▶ The Apostles fall asleep 3 times
  - ▶ “The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”
- ▶ Judas betrays Jesus w/ a kiss
- ▶ Jesus is arrested
- ▶ note in Mark: a ‘bystander’ cuts off the ear of the high priest’s servant, not Peter

# Jesus' Jewish Trial (Mark 14:53-65)

- ▶ The Sanhedrin
  - ▶ 71 men
    - ▶ (The Sadducees) chief priests, scribes, elders
  - ▶ made decisions affecting the whole Jewish community
- ▶ the high priest asks Jesus if he is the Messiah, the Son of God
  - ▶ Jesus responds "I am"
    - ▶ this is the 1<sup>st</sup> time Jesus states he is the Messiah
    - ▶ he is charged w/ blasphemy
      - ▶ blasphemy: a false self-proclamation of being God



# Peter Betrays Jesus (Mark 14:27-31, 66-72)

- ▶ Mark uses the framing writing technique to exemplify Peter's foretold denial of Jesus
- ▶ Peter expresses his regret IMMEDIATELY!



# Jesus' Roman Trial (Mark 15:1-15)



- ▶ the Sanhedrin didn't have the power to crucify Jesus, only the Romans did
  - ▶ religious charges weren't enough...they needed an offense against the Roman government
    - ▶ TREASON!
- ▶ Pilate knew the Sanhedrin's scheme
  - ▶ utilized the feast's custom of releasing a prisoner as an attempt to release Jesus
    - ▶ the crowd still wanted to crucify Jesus

# Jesus' Crucifixion, Death, & Burial (Mark 15:21-47)

- ▶ was forced to carry his cross
  - ▶ Simon, Cyrenian, is forced to help
- ▶ refuses the wine spiked w/ myrrh
- ▶ mocked by those present
  - ▶ note in Mark: those crucified w/ him also mocked him, there was no "good criminal"
- ▶ is recognized by the centurion as the Son of God when He (Jesus) takes his last breath
  - ▶ remember Mark's audience: Gentiles
- ▶ Joseph of Arimathea buries Jesus' body



# Easter Sunday

## Jesus' Resurrection & Ascension

- ▶ 3 women went to the tomb to anoint Jesus
  1. Mary Magdalene
  2. Mary, the mother of James
  3. Salome
- ▶ they found a young man sitting where Jesus was laid
  - ▶ Mark 16:6-7
- ▶ they said nothing to anyone except to Peter



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