

Mark 1:1-20

Jesus Christ: Lord and Saviour

1. What do you hear people say about Jesus? What opinions are expressed in the media, at uni or work and what do these opinions tend to be based on?
2. If someone was to ask you: "Who do you think Jesus is?" How would you reply?
3. Mark makes his opinion about Jesus very clear (v1). Why should we trust the account of one who is already so biased.
4. Read Malachi 3:1-5. (quoted in Mark 1:2) What will happen first? What is supposed to happen after that?
5. Read Isaiah 40:1-11 (quoted in Mark 1:3) What will happen first? What will happen after that?
6. How do these Old Testament quotes shed light on Jesus' identity?
7. In what way is John the Baptist's attitude towards Jesus a challenge for you?
8. What is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit that Jesus brings? (see Mark 10:37-45)
9. The prophesy of the servant is one of Isaiah's major theme's. Read Is 53:2-12 and discuss how it is that Jesus is both Christ (Messiah) and servant.
10. What is the response that Jesus calls people to make (v15)? How would you describe the response that you have made to Jesus? Discuss how v15 impacts on our evangelism.
11. What does it mean to have Jesus as your Saviour? What does it mean to have Jesus as your Lord?