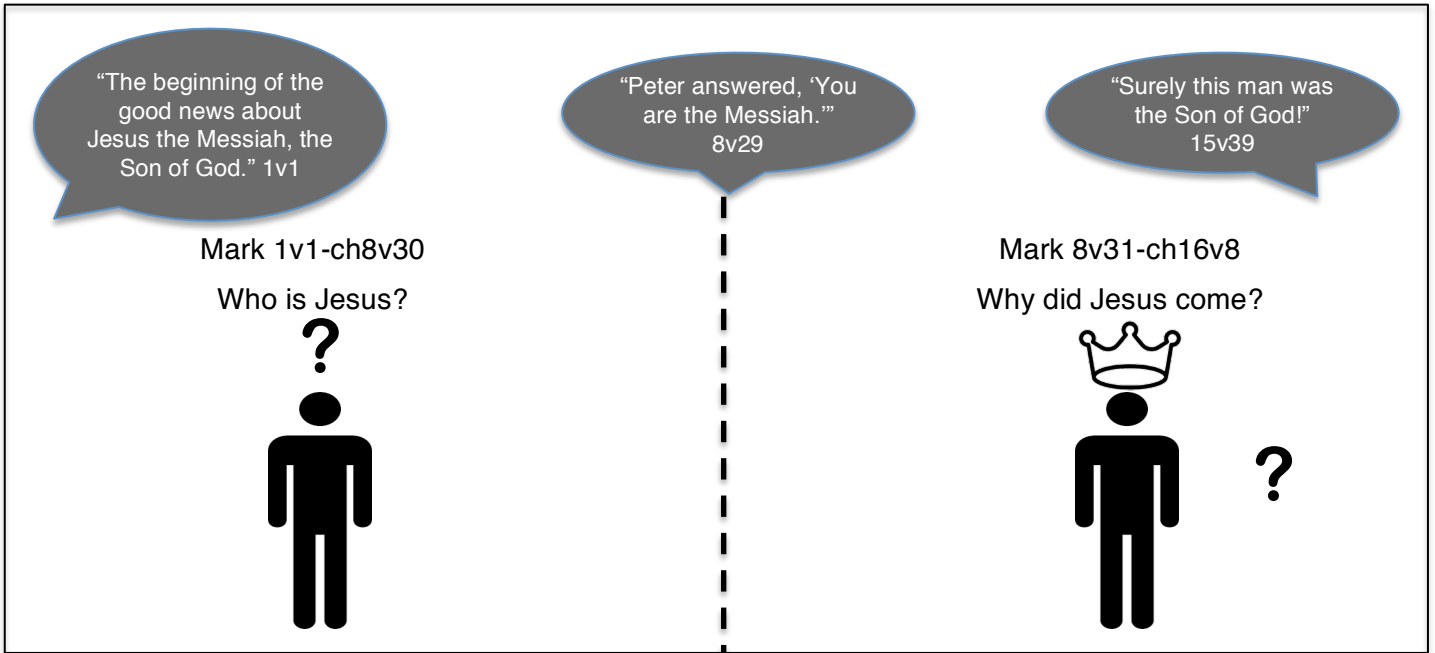


Mark 1-2

It's helpful to have an overview of Mark's gospel.



Mark 1v1-15 The King enters his creation

1. Who does Mark say Jesus is? What evidence does he present to back up his claim?

2. How does John the Baptist fulfil the details of this prophecy? (see 2 Kings 1v7-8, Malachi 4v5)

Prophecy in v2-3	John the Baptist (4-8)

3. How is Jesus identity confirmed in v9-15?

4. Going a bit deeper what details do you notice in v12-13? Do you think they are significant?

5. What is the right response to Jesus coming (v14-15)?

Jesus authority seen

Mark often uses sandwiches as a structure, and there is one here:

Bread - 1v16-20 Calling disciples

Butter – 1v21-28 Jesus teaching in the synagogue, his authority verified by an exorcism

Filling – 1v29-45

Butter - 2v1-12 Jesus preaches and after forgiving the paralysed man's sin authority is the issue.

Bread – 2v13-14 – Jesus calls Levi

It's worth looking for similar structural/sandwiches in Mark.

6. v21-28. What are the people surprised by here and why is that surprising? What is that telling us?

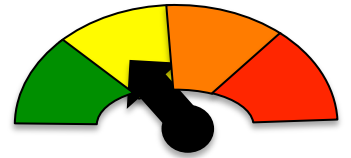
7. 2v1-12. Does Jesus deliberately provoke this debate and why?

Clash of Kingdoms

8. How and why does Jesus clash with the religious authorities in chapter 2v1-3v6?

Pharisee-ometer

9. How does each clash reveal more about Jesus and the Pharisees?



10. What is the shock of 3v6?

11. So what? What has Mark shown us about who Jesus is? What does that call us to do?