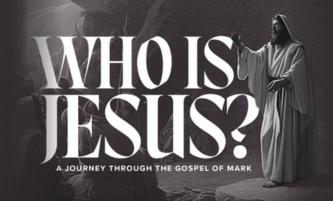
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DISCUSSION

- 1. In verse 15, Jesus announces "The kingdom of God has come near." What does Jesus mean by this, and how does his announcement of the coming of the Kingdom make a difference today
- 2. The sermon mentions that conflicts reveal values and beliefs. What can we learn about Jesus' mission and priorities from the conflicts he faced in these stories? How do the conflicts in our own lives reveal what we truly value?
- 3. Mark regularly links physical healing and forgiveness in Jesus' ministry. Why do you think forgiveness is emphasized as our greatest need and why is it difficult for people to believe this today?
- 4. The Pharisees and Herodians resisted Jesus because he disrupted their societal and religious norms. In what ways might Jesus challenge our own status quo today, both individually and as a church? Are there areas where we are resistant to change?
- 5. Jesus declares a new way of living, as seen in his teaching about the Sabbath being made for man and the joy of the bridegroom's arrival. How do we recognize and live out the values of God's kingdom in a world that often opposes them?

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