

**“What comes into our minds
when we think about God is the
most important thing about us.”**

-A.W. TOZER

06 THE KING'S
TRUE IDENTITY

A STUDY OF
Mark



Mark 8:27-38

The Identity of the King

MARK 8:27-30

The Way of the King

MARK 8:31-33

The Cost to follow the King

MARK 8:34-38



Introduction and Preparation

Mark 1:1-13

A brief introduction sets Jesus' ministry in motion.

John the Baptist prepares the way.

Jesus is tempted in the wilderness.

Emphasis

Service to others

The Servant at work

Mark 1:14 - Mark 8:30

An unbroken chain of events reveals Jesus helping people in need.

Because people are afflicted, He heals.

Because people are without hope, He encourages.

Because people are in bondage to satanic control, He liberates.

Because people are sinful, He forgives.

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The Servant Rejected... then Exalted

Mark 8:31 - Mark 16:20

A growing discontent among the authorities leads to Jesus' suffering and death.

He presses the claim of being the Messiah.

He spends more time alone with His disciples.

He comes into open conflict with His enemies.

He is hated, deserted, tortured, crucified and buried.

He is raised bodily from the dead!

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Mark 8:27-28 ^{NIV}

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Mark 8:29a ^{NIV}

“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”



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Mark 8:29b-30 ^{NIV}

Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰ Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.



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Mark 8:31 ^{NIV}

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.



Jesus is the one who has the right and power to rule, yet He will ascend His throne by death on a cross, which no one, not even His closest disciples, expected.



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Mark 8:32-33 NIV

He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”



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Mark 8:34 ^{NIV}

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”



“Self-denial is not to deny one’s personality, to die as a martyr, or to deny material things. Rather it is the turning away from the idolatry of self-centeredness and belief that the ultimate goal of life is to perpetuate your own happiness.”



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Mark 8:35-37 ^{NIV}

“For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?”



**“He is no fool who gives what
he cannot keep to gain what
he cannot lose.”**

-JIM ELLIOT



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Mark 8:38 ^{NIV}

“If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”



**“What about you?” He asked.
“Who do you say that I am?”**



**Your response to the King
determines your destiny.**

