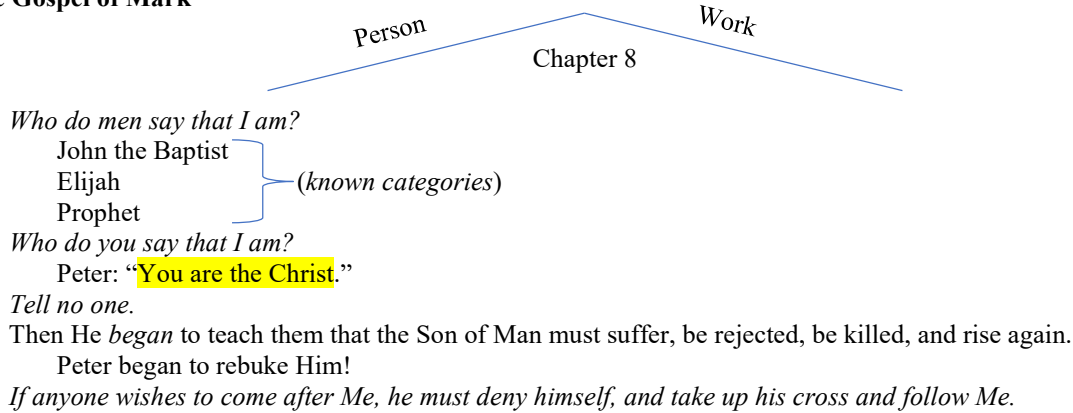


Lecture 19: The Claims of Jesus

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The Gospel of Mark

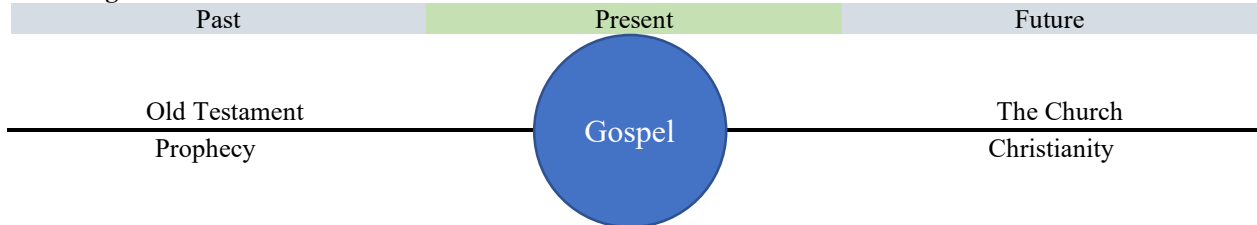


Lessons

Belief in “Jesus” should be questioned: *Who do you really think He is?*
 To understand His work (what He did), you must first understand His person (who He is).
The significance of His death is tied to the significance of His identity.

Jesus = Heb. <i>Joshua</i> (“salvation”) “...and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins” (Mt. 1:21). <i>“Sins” ~ the Root Cause!</i>	Christ = Heb. <i>Messiah</i> (“anointed”) King – representing God to man Priest – representing man to God King-Priest – one office now <i>One Mediator between God & Men!</i>	The first verse of the NT... Seed of David <i>The Eternal Empire of Christ</i> Seed of Abraham <i>The Universal Blessing in Christ</i> <i>The Great Commission!</i>
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Assessing the Claims of Jesus



Present ~ The Puzzle of His Person

Amazing Humility – compassionate, receives babies and prostitutes and tax-gatherers and foreigners
 Amazing Claims – forgives sins, receives worship, claims the OT speaks of Him...
 “Truly, truly, I say to you...” vs. “Thus saith the Lord...”
 “Many will say to Me on that day...” vs. the Lord will judge you
 C. S. Lewis – *Liar, Lunatic, Lord*
 J. Gresham Machen – *the Messianic consciousness of Jesus*

Future ~ The Phenomenon of His Church

Every movement resembles its founder in some way:
Bold Martyrs, Movement of Peace
Jewish Foundation, Transcultural Religion

Past ~ The Prophecies of the Bible

Messianic Psalms
 Isaiah 53 – the “secret of the synagogue”
 Illus. A “Most Wanted” Poster – one pixel at a time