

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

## *Jesus Finally Reveals His True Identity* The Gospel of Mark — Week 71

**ICEBREAKER:** What epitaph would you want engraved on your tombstone?

**OVERVIEW:** When you read the Gospel of Mark, it is very clear that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. But He never just comes out and says it. Other people say it about Him. He gives us clues and hints. But so far He hasn't come out and clearly, plainly revealed His true identity. But all that finally changes in our passage today. In this discussion we will go deeper in our understanding of who Jesus claimed to be.

1. **Read Mark 14:53-72.** What insight, principle, or observation from this week-end's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Verse 54 says that Peter followed Jesus, but at a safe and comfortable distance. How do some Christians today do the same thing? What's wrong with following Jesus at a safe and comfortable distance?
3. In verse 62 Jesus declared that He was the Messiah. What is the Messiah?
4. What do the following verses say about the Messiah, and how does Jesus fulfill them?
  - a. Isaiah 9:6-7
  - b. Isaiah 11:1-4
  - c. Isaiah 53:5-6
  - d. Daniel 7:13-14

5. The second declaration that Jesus was made was that He was the Son of God. This act was ultimately the reason that the Jews sentenced Him to death. Why did the Jews consider this to be blasphemy? (See John 5:16-18.)
6. Jesus predicted that He would one day sit at God's right hand in the place of authority and power. According to the following verses, where is Jesus today, and what is He doing?
  - a. 1 Peter 3:22
  - b. John 14:1-2
  - c. Romans 8:34
7. Jesus predicted that He would come back. According to the following verses, what will happen when Jesus comes back?
  - a. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
  - b. Revelation 1:7
  - c. John 5:28-30
8. In this week's study we learned that Jesus made two declarations and two predictions. Do you believe Jesus? Why?

**The Last Word:** There are two important revelations in this passage. First, Jesus finally revealed His true identity. And second, Peter's denial revealed Christ's integrity.