



WEEK TWO | NEW BEGINNINGS

You will find that Mark's Gospel is quite different than, say, Luke's. For example, there is no background, no birth story, no indication of why and where Jesus came from. It is slim, matter of fact, and to the point. Remember, Mark's initial audience is people in Rome. That's a very different crowd than Jews in Israel.

What is something you learned about or in the Bible that was different than what you once believed or thought?

TALK ABOUT IT

Being the first Gospel account written, why do you think Mark is the only one who didn't give any background information about Jesus other than he was the Son of God?

Let's just focus on two major things for this discussion, Jesus' authority as the Messiah and his big reveal.

Read Mark 1:9-13

The Elephant in the room is the age-old question, why do you think Jesus was baptized?

What, in this story, indicates that Jesus is different than everyone else? (vs. 10-11)

Why does this big reveal matter anyway? Why the public announcement?

Read Mark 1:21-28

Why was it important to differentiate between Jesus' credibility and the human religious leaders?

APPLY IT

What does Jesus' credibility say about our credibility as his people in our daily lives and interactions with others?

PRAY

It's always beneficial to close your time together by simply checking in on one another. We may never know what's going on in one another's lives unless we open a door and ask.