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# Jesus in Mark

## Mark 14:61-62

### notice the combination of titles: Messiah, son of the blessed one, son of man

## Major themes

### Messiah, king, son of David

#### Messiah = Christ 1:1; 8:29; 9:41; 12:35; 13:21; 14:61

#### King 11:1-11; cf. Zechariah 9:9

##### focused in passion narrative 15:2, 9, 12, 18, 26, 32

#### son of David 10:47, 48; 12:36, 37 (cf. 11:10)

#### son of God, my son, the son

##### son of God 1:1, 23-27; 3:11; 5:7; 12:6; 14:61; 15:39

##### my son/the son (the beloved) 1:11 (cf. Genesis 22:2, 12, 13 LXX; Psalm 2:7); 9:7; 13:32; 14:36

#### taking the role of YHWH

##### 2:7, 10

##### 6:48; cf. Psalms 89:8-9; 93:3-4; Job 9:8

##### 6:50 ‘I am’; cf. Exodus 3:14; 6:6; Isaiah 48:12

##### 1:2-3; 9:12-13; cf. Malachi 3:1; 4:5-6

##### 13:31; cf. Isaiah 40:8

### the son of man

#### origins of the idea

##### a human being—Ezekiel: God addresses the prophet as ‘son of man’

##### Daniel 7:13-14

##### ‘myself’, ‘a man like myself’ (Geza Vermes, Maurice Casey)

#### of the present (earthly) ministry of Jesus 2:10, 28

#### of his suffering and death 8:31; 9:9, 12, 31; 10:33, 45; 14:21, 41

#### of his future coming 8:38; 13:26; 14:62; cf. Daniel 7:13-14

### servant

#### 1:11; echoes Isaiah 42:1; cf. Isaiah 2:1-22 (cf. 1:10; Isaiah 61:1)

#### 1:14; cf. Isaiah 52:7 (NB 1:2-3 quoting Isaiah 40:3)

#### 10:45; cf. Isaiah 52:13-53:12

### Jesus’ authority

#### 1:21–3:6

‘Between 1.21 and 3.6, Jesus’ authority is linked to every major strand of the Gospel story…It is unquestionably central to Mark’s christology.’ (Philip G. Davis)

##### *teaching* 1:22, 27; 2:2, 24, 28 (sabbath, cf. 3:2-3)

##### *exorcism* 1:25, 27, 34, 39

##### *healing* 1:30-31, 34, 40-41; 2:3-12; 3:1-6

##### *call of disciples* 1:17-20 ( ‘immediately’ vv 18, 20); 2:14

##### *forgiveness* 2:5-12

##### *conflict with the authorities* 2:6-12, 16-17, 18-19, 24; 3:2

#### Jesus’ power over nature

##### stilling storms 4:36-41; 6:47-51

##### feeding five thousand 6:35-44 and four thousand 8:1-9

#### reactions of amazement and astonishment

##### at his teaching 1:22, 27; 6:2; 11:18

##### his forgiveness and healing 2:12

##### his power over nature 4:41

##### his healing 7:37

## 15:39 as climax? (Philip Davis, Earl S. Johnson, Jr)

### link back to 1:1, 11, ‘framing’ the Gospel

#### ‘the Son of God’ or ‘a son of God’? cf. 1:11; 3:11; 9:7; 14:61

### does Mark see Jesus as divine?

#### Cf. Romans 1:3-4; Philippians 2:6-11; Galatians 1:1

#### 1:11 implies pre-existence: ‘God’s pleasure in Jesus is already established and does not arise as a sudden whim’ (Philip Davis)

#### Demons recognise Jesus 1:24; 3:11; 5:7

#### God calls Jesus his beloved son 9:7

#### 14:61-62 Jesus’ direct answer ‘I am’

### But notice Mark and other NT authors almost never say ‘Jesus is God’