

**Gospel of Mark**  
**Explaining Christianity**  
Bible Study Outline

Goal: To communicate the true meaning of Christianity by looking into the original sources to see what they have to say about the life, teachings, and claims of Christ.

- Week 1:**     **Jesus, Son of God** (Mark 1-5)
- Week 2:**     **The Crucifixion** (Mark 15)
- Week 3:**     **The Resurrection** (Mark 16:1-8; Acts 10:39-43; Mark 8)
- Week 4:**     **Salvation by Grace, Not Works** (Mark 7:20-23; Eph 2:8-9)
- Week 5:**     **What is a Christian? Repentance** (Mark 1:15, 8:34-38, 9:43-48)
- Week 6:**     **What is a Christian? Faith** (Mark 5:25-34, 10:13-16; John 5:24)

**Core Seminars—Explaining Christianity**  
**Class 1: Jesus' Authority & Divinity**



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**Introduction**

*What do you think of when you hear the word “Christianity”?*

*The Goal: To learn the real meaning of Christianity by looking into the life, teachings and claims of Christ.*

*How do we learn about Jesus?*

*Course Outline*

*The Gospel*

1. **Jesus' Authority...** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mark 1: 21–28)

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(Mark 4: 35–41)

6. **Jesus' Authority...** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mark 5: 21–24, 35–43)

7. **Jesus' Authority...** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mark 1: 16–20)

### Summary

1. *Jesus has great authority.*

2. *He claims to be divine.*

3. *We have a response to make.*

“You must make the choice: Either this man was and is the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come up with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”

--C.S. Lewis

*Three pillars – the first, Jesus, the Son of God.*

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### **Resources**

John Stott, *Basic Christianity*, Chapter 2, “The Claims of Christ”  
John Stott, *Basic Christianity*, Chapter 3, “The Character of Christ”  
Josh McDowell, *More Than A Carpenter*, Chapter 1, “What Makes Jesus so Different?”