

The Answer

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Are you a good test-taker? In one of my college Bible courses, I was asked on a test to answer, “What is premillennial dispensationalism?” I hadn’t studied this denominational doctrine well enough to comprehend it, but I knew this much: premillennial dispensationalism has something to do with seven periods of time. This bare minimum information was enough for my answer to be counted as fully correct, and my final test score neared 100%! I’ve always been able to know enough important information to get an “A,” though I may not “get” the information itself.

The gospel according to Mark is purposed to answer one single question: “Who is Jesus?” The Answer is crucial to both your eternity and mine.

In the first verse of the first chapter, Mark establishes his own conviction, writing, “The beginning of the gospel of *Jesus Christ, the Son of God*.” In verse 10, God Himself says of Jesus, “*You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased.*” The precedent is set immediately: *Jesus is the Son of God*, the prophesied Christ (Isaiah 9:6-7)!

As we progress through Mark’s writing, the miracles performed by Jesus serve to affirm his Messianic identity to great crowds, a few disciples, and us (the readers). Jesus astoundingly heals countless individuals, calms a storm, casts out a legion of demons, feeds crowds of thousands, and walks on the blustery Sea of Galilee! What should anyone learn from such miraculous acts? *Jesus is the Son of God.*

Midway through the book (Mark 8), Jesus asks his most dedicated audience the main question,

“Who do you say that I am?” What was The Answer? Peter confesses, “*You are the Christ.*” Peter was a good test-taker. He answered the question correctly, but he had no idea what his answer meant. Immediately, we see Peter deny Jesus’ foretold suffering, death, and resurrection. A person who will truly confess Jesus knows that His humble sacrifice and triumph over death are integral to His identity as the prophesied King. Peter doesn’t get it.

As soon as the gospel story reaches its climax, we finally see the first person who seems to “get it.”

“And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, ‘*Truly this man was the Son of God!*’” (Mark 15:39)

As this Roman centurion watches the King of Israel die beneath a supernaturally dark sky, he sees the real Jesus. The crucifixion gave the centurion The Answer, and Christ’s resurrection would prove it further. The King of Israel would overpower Satan’s regime and establish an everlasting Kingdom.

Who is Jesus? *Jesus is the Son of God.* That’s easy to say. Is it easy to “get”? Faithful Christians aren’t merely trying to pass a test; they embody The Answer. Christ’s suffering, death, and resurrection will be evident in our lives if we actually know Him. May we die to sin and live the joyful new life of Christ. May we serve as citizens of the Kingdom so that we may show The Answer to a world asking, “Who is Jesus?”

Caleb Boggs


In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Pam Babb, Carol Bessman, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Edwin and Vera Cornell, Erma Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Eli Dodson, Jaren Dodson, Joe and Teresa Freund, Wilma Hill, Justin Houston, Nadine Keith, Leopoldo Lizardo, Becky Matthews, Cheryl Neilans, Dale Privett, Susie Tomlin, Edith Toney.



Every "One" Counts: Remember when you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. This week we helped a member from a sister congregation with some medical bills. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

Devo and Donuts is every Tuesday morning at 7:00 in the activities center. Come and start your day with a devotional to God. Bring a friend! 

Sunday evening **discussion questions** are on the welcome desk. They are also available at class time Sunday evening.

Thursday is a great day to meet your brothers for food and fellowship at the **Men's Breakfast** at Braum's at 7:00.

The next **Bible Bowl** is this Sunday after evening services. Study Luke 13-18.

Several members will be traveling to Oklahoma City for **Affirming the Faith** this Friday and Saturday. Keep them in your prayers.

We need ladies for the **registration table** on Friday night and Saturday morning of the Ladies' Seminar. Please sign up on the bulletin board.



This Sunday's Sermons:

AM: Jason Giebler

PM: *Salty and Bright*
(classes)

Ladies' Seminar with Debbie Dupuy is just a week away, March 13-14. Plan to be here, invite your friends and pray for this event. Debbie will be speaking on "The Shepherd's Daughter".



Sign up on the bulletin board to bring **food** for the ladies' seminar. We need toppings and sides for our potatoes.

A **welcome bag** will be prepared for the speaker of our Ladies' Seminar, Debbie Dupuy. If you can help with this, please give cash donations to Brenda Kimbrough.

March 14 will be our next **Second Saturday Singing Night**. It will be at 7:00 p.m. in the foyer.

The next **Lads to Leaders** activity will be March 15.

March 18 is our **Third Wednesday Night Dinner**. Sign up in the foyer to enjoy a taco dinner with your church family before class.

The family of **Fred Bukowich** is celebrating his 90th birthday with a special "come and go" party on March 15 from 3:00-5:00 in the fellowship room. Everyone is invited to come learn about his life through a display, "90 Years: Fred's Life Journey". Cards are appreciated, but gifts are not necessary.

Gospel Meeting on the Move will be March 30 - April 2. Mark your calendar for this great outreach event that we will share with the churches of Christ in Carthage, Joplin and Seneca.

The **young adults' retreat** will be April 17-19. If you would like to sign up or obtain more information, see Caleb Boggs or Madelaine Giebler.

Have you been practicing our **5 minute rule**? Five minutes after Bible class or after worship if you see someone you don't know, please go up to them and welcome them. This is to help remind us to welcome guests before conversing with people we already know.

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, March 8:

- AM Opening: Glen Honeycutt
- AM Closing: Zane Berner
- PM Opening: Alec Fehring
- PM Closing: Joe McLain

Wednesday, March 11:

- Opening: Todd Murray
- Closing: Lowell McInturff

RECORDS	3-1-20	3-3-19
Bible Study	150	98
AM Worship	192	109
PM Worship	152	100
Wednesday	122	ice
Contribution	\$7,961.00	\$5,720.21
Budget	\$7,864.15	\$7,717.37