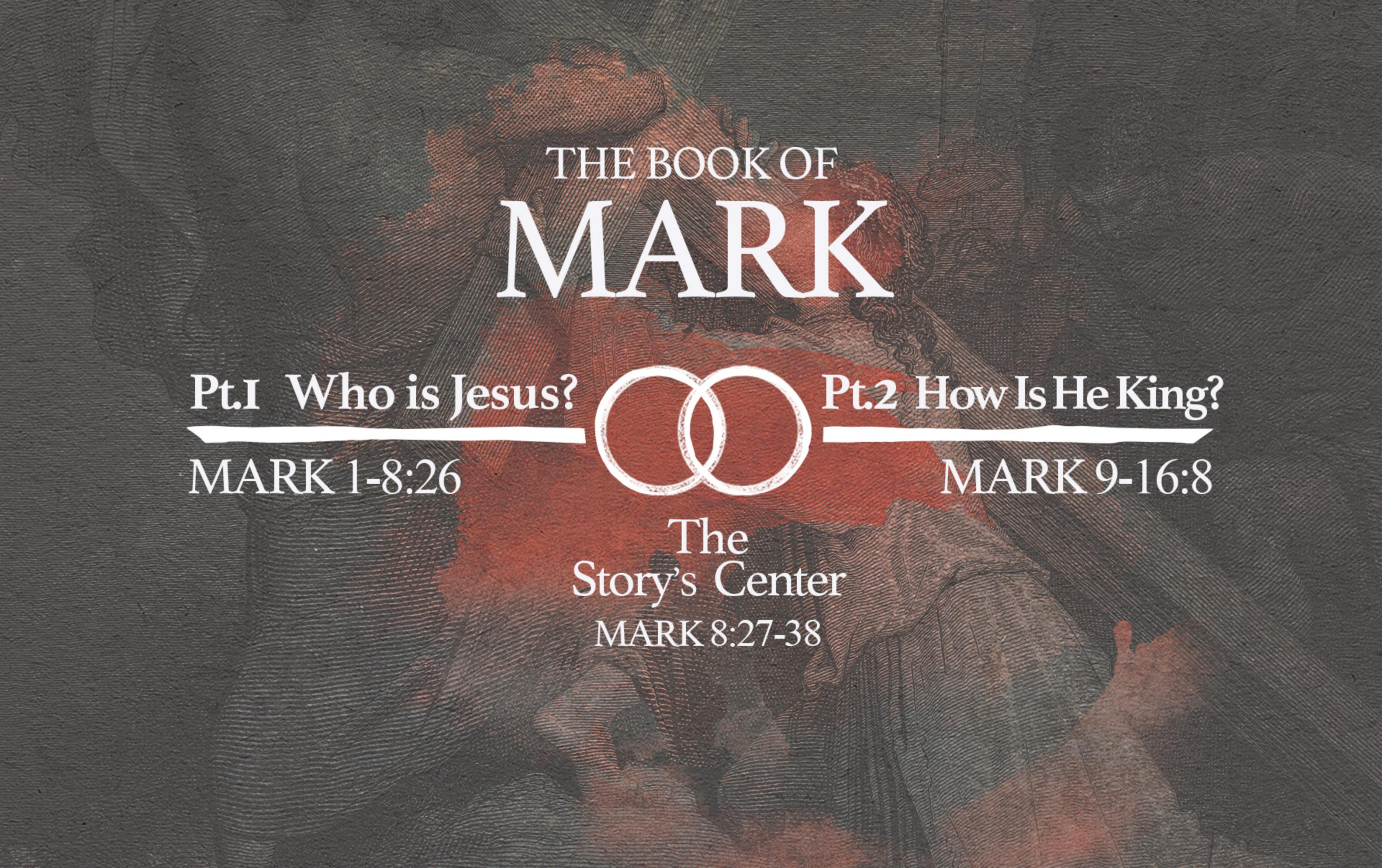


~ THE JESUS LIFE ~
ACCORDING TO MARK

MARK 10:1-12 | THE MEANING OF FIDELITY



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School of Shammai - Adultery
School of Hillel - Burnt toast, etc.

THE DISTORTION OF MARRIAGE

He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." **MARK 10:3-12**

Marriage is a holy covenant,
not a contract with loopholes.



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You cover the Lord's altar with tears, with weeping and groaning because he no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor from your hand. But you say, "Why does he not?" Because the Lord was witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant.

MALACHI 2:13-14

Did he not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God seeking? Godly offspring. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth. “For the man who does not love his wife but divorces her, says the Lord, the God of Israel, covers his garment with violence, says the Lord of hosts. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and do not be faithless.”

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MARK 10:3-5

THE MARRIED

- Recognize and cherish the sanctity of marriage.
- Seek reconciliation if there is damage.
- Pray for the desire for reconciliation if there is no desire.

THE SINGLE

- Singles are not second-class citizens in God's Kingdom.
- As marriage shows the union of Jesus with his church, singleness shows the sufficiency of Jesus.
- Singleness is not a deficiency, but a calling.

THE DIVORCED

- The divorced are not second-class citizens in God's Kingdom.
- Repent & seek reconciliation where you have wronged others.
- Know Jesus can redeem even the most terrible of situations.

GOD'S DIVORCE?

She saw that for all the adulteries of that faithless one, Israel, I had sent her away with a decree of divorce. Yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but she too went and played the whore. Because she took her whoredom lightly, she polluted the land, committing adultery with stone and tree.”

JEREMIAH 3:8-9

THE DESIGN OF MARRIAGE

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MARK 10:6-9



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