

**Alderwood Community Church**  
**November 11, 2018**

**Unexpected: The Gospel of the Servant King**

**Mark 1:1**

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*“For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” **Mark 10:45***

### **Sermon Questions:**

1. Having heard Pastor Brad's opening message on the Gospel of Mark, what are your initial impressions of the book?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Have you ever heard someone say, "Religion is just a crutch for the weak. People just need to be more self-reliant"? What would you like to say to this person?

3. When an author writes a book or a speaker makes a speech, their first words often give us an idea of what they will be talking about. What does **Mark 1:1** tell us about his gospel?

What does **Mark 1:15** tell us about the main theme of Jesus' preaching?

4. Read **Mark 1:40-45** and **9:14-27**. What heart characteristics did they have that led to faith in Jesus?
5. The Gospel of Mark teaches that Jesus came to give His life as a "ransom for many" (**Mark 10:45**). Reflect for a moment on the idea of the Son of God suffering death for you. What does Jesus' suffering say about Jesus and His attitude toward sinners?

6. Read **Mark 8:27-30**. Who do you say Jesus is?

What are the implications of believing that Jesus is the “Christ”?

For next week:

Thoughtfully read **Mark 1:1-8** as many times as you can.

Look up the Old Testament contexts of each of the quotes in vv.**2-3**. What do they teach about the coming Messiah?

What does John’s clothing and diet say about him? Why do you think that is important?

What do you learn in vv.**1-8** about God?