



# the gospel of MARK

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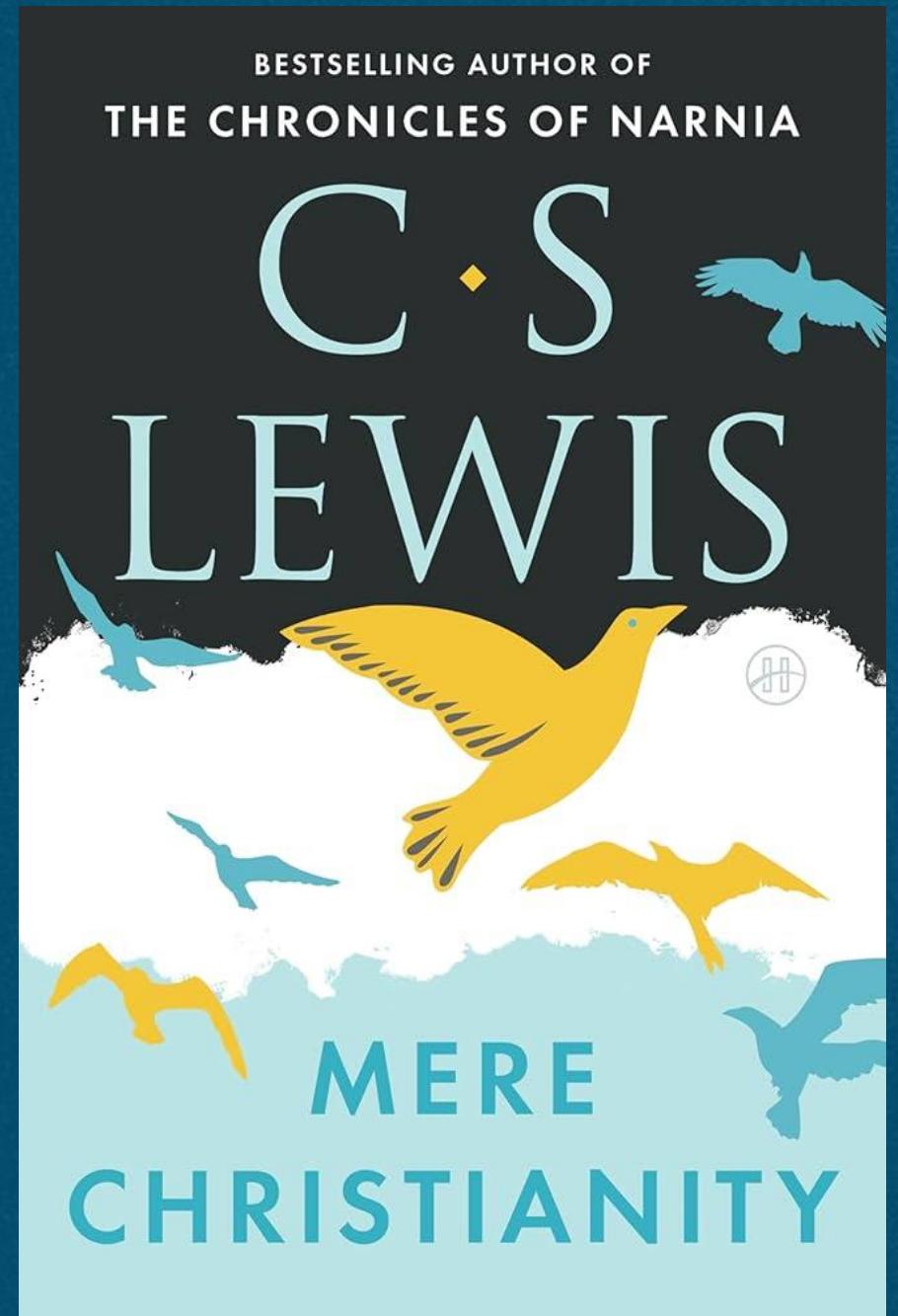
- vv. 1-12: *A paralyzed man & a hole in the roof*
  - This man's Friends believe Jesus can heal.
  - They are not dissuaded by obstacles.
  - Jesus offers to forgive his sins??
    - But it is not THEIR grumbling that Jesus addresses...

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- *“Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” (v. 7)*
- *“Which is easier to say..?” (vv. 9-10)*
- What do YOU do with the person of Jesus?

“ ... *You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse...*

-CS Lewis ”



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- vv. 13-17 *A party at Levi's house*
  - Levi is an unusual pick ... as a tax collector, he's not a "Jew in good standing"
  - And yet ... he is willing to be "on mission" with Jesus!
  - Luke 19:10

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- *“Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?”*
- *“I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners”*
- Confident in our own righteousness vs wholly trusting in the finished work of Christ.
  - Gal. 2:11-16; 21

\*What obstacles do you allow to discourage or stop you from introducing people to Jesus?

- \*Make a list of people. Commit to **TAKING** the opportunities God gives you.
- \*Write down 3 actions you **WILL** take to boldly witness for Christ.
- \*Give a copy to a friend for accountability