

What are these scriptures in the gospel of Mark teaching? Is the Trinity in Mark? — Is Jesus Christ God Almighty, and God the Son, or is he the Son of God, the Messiah, and the Son of Man?



Is the Trinity in Mark?

Mark 1:1 - **“The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ [the Son of God]” (NAB). “Some important manuscripts here omit the Son of God” (NAB note on Mark 1:1).** One important point that we can glean from this is that no manuscripts of Mark 1:1 calls Jesus ‘God,’ or ‘God the Son.’

Mark 1:9-11 - **“Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan**

by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens torn open and the Spirit, like a dove descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, 'You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased'" (NAB). In this scene, Jesus is in the water, and is obviously not the holy Spirit that came down upon him, or God, who is in heaven. Trinitarians assert that these scriptures support the Trinity in Mark. But, as we can see, not one aspect of the Trinity doctrine is supported in these verses.

Mark 1:13 - **"He remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan" (NAB).** - Since **"God cannot be tempted by evil"** (James 1:13 NRSV), Jesus cannot be God.

Mark 1:24 - **"Jesus of Nazareth . . . I know who you are-the Holy One of God!" (NAB)** - "The Holy One of God" is obviously not God.

Mark 2:7 - **"Who but God alone can forgive sins?" (NAB).** Does this assertion by Jesus' enemies mean Jesus is God? Notice next what term Jesus uses to describe himself:

Mark 2:10 - **"The Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth" (NAB).** - "The Son of Man" cannot be God, since **"God is not a human being" (Numbers 23:19 NAB).**

Mark 2:28 - Jesus once again refers to himself as **"the Son of Man"**

Mark 3:11 - **"You are the Son of God",** not "God", not "God the Son."

Mark 5:7 - **"Jesus, Son of the Most High God".** This is the same point as above.

Mark 6:4 - **"A prophet is not without honor except in his his native place and among his own kin and in his own house" (NAB)**- Jesus calls himself "a prophet" - one who represents God. A prophet is not God himself.

Mark - 8:29 - **"Who do you say that I am?' Peter said to him in reply, 'You are the Messiah'" (NAB),** - not "God", not "God the Son."

Mark 8:31 - “the Son of Man must suffer”. **Mark 8:38 - “the Son of Man... when he comes in his Father’s glory”.** The Son of Man is not God.

Mark 9:7 - “a voice came from the cloud: ‘This is my Son.’” - God is in heaven, Jesus on earth and God calls him his Son. Obviously two different people.

Mark 9:9 - “**until the Son of Man had risen from the dead**” - The Son of Man is not God, plus God can’t die, and God resurrected Jesus from the dead.

Mark 9:12 “the Son of Man must suffer much”. God is not the Son of Man and stayed in heaven, not suffering on earth.

Mark 9:31 - “the Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men ... and they will kill him” - The Son of Man can’t be God, because “**God . . . will never die**” (**Habakkuk 1:12 NIV**)..

Mark 9:41 - “you belong to the Messiah”. The Messiah is not God.

Mark 10:18 - “Jesus answered, ‘No one is good - except God alone.’” Obviously, Jesus was implying that he’s not God.

Mark 10:33 - “the Son of Man will be delivered over”. The son of Man is not God.

Mark 10:40 - “but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant.” - If Jesus says he doesn’t even have that much authority, then who does? - It must be his Father.

Mark 10:45 - “the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.” God doesn’t serve anyone, but Jesus does!

Mark 10:47 - “When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout ‘Jesus, Son of David.’” - Not God.

Mark 10:51 - "The blind man said, 'Rabbi,'" - He called Jesus "Rabbi", not God.

Mark 11:9 - "God bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord." (Psalm 118:26) referring to Jesus coming in the name of Yahweh.

Mark 11:17 - "You are changing God's house into a 'hideout for robbers.'" - NCV

Mark 11:21 - "said to Jesus, 'Teacher.'" - One of Jesus' titles, but not God.

Mark 11:22 - "Have faith in God."

Mark 11:24 - "Ask for in prayer, and God will give them to you."

Mark 11:25 - "your Father in heaven."

Mark 11:28 - "Who gave you this authority?" - someone gave him this authority.

Mark 11:33 - "I won't tell you what authority I have to do these things."

Mark 12:6 - "They will respect my son." - Jesus

Mark 12:7 - "took the son, killed him" - Jesus

Mark 12:12 - "knew that the story was about them" - killing the Son, Jesus

Mark 12:14 - "You teach the truth about God's way." - Not his way

Mark 12:29 - "The Lord our God is the only Lord," or is "One Lord." - Not two or three, not divided.

Mark 12:30 - "Love the Lord your God [Yahweh] with all your heart..." - greatest

commandment to love God

Mark 12:33 - "sacrifices we offer to God"

Mark 12:35 - "the Christ is the son of David" - God is not the son of David.

Mark 13:26 - "the Son of Man is coming" - God is not the Son of Man

Mark 13:32 - "No one knows... not even the Son. Only the Father knows." - Since God knows things the Son doesn't, obviously, they are different.

Mark 14:21 - "the Son of Man will die... hands the Son of Man over to be killed."

Mark 14:24 - "My blood which is the new covenant that God makes with his people" - God makes the new covenant and seals it with Jesus' blood.

Mark 14: 36 - "Abba, Father! You can do all things. Take away this cup of suffering. But do what you want, not what I want." - Obviously speaking as subordinate to his Father. Not praying to himself.

Mark 14:41 - "Son of Man"

Mark 14:61 - "Are you the Christ, the Son of the blessed God?" - Jesus is referred to as the Son of God, not God the Son

Mark 14:62 - "You will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of God." - distinct from God

Mark 14:64 - "You heard him say these things against God." - not against himself.

Mark 15:2 - "Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?'" - No charge of being God

Mark 15:18 - "Hail, king of the Jews" - Not God

Mark 15:26 - "A sign with this charge against Jesus written on it: The King of the Jews."

Mark 15:32 - "The Christ, the King of Israel"

Mark 15:34 - "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" - Obviously, Jesus is not God.

Mark 15:39 - "This man really was the Son of God!"

Mark 16:6 - "Jesus from Nazareth... He has risen from the dead." - Since God "live(s) forever," Jesus can't be God because he died.

Is the Trinity in Mark? Throughout the Gospel of Mark, Jesus is called the Son of God, the Son of Man, the Son of David, and other titles, but never is he called God, or God the Son. We have now examined the Gospel of Mark, and have not found any evidence of the Trinity.