

True security is found in who I am as a child of God and obedience to the teachings of Jesus.

Mark?

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God is not so much working in our life to make all our problems smaller but working to make the Christ in our life bigger.

"The gospel of Jesus Christ is a single, yet comprehensive, solution to all that is broken in our lives."



"Do you see anything?"

"In a single event Jesus is giving the blind man mercy and giving his disciples a mirror. Halfway through his healing, the blind man did not yet have 20/20 vision; halfway through Mark's Gospel, the disciples do not yet have 20/20 vision. They understand Jesus' mission, but only fuzzily."

-Dane Ortland

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Jesus: How clearly do you see Him?

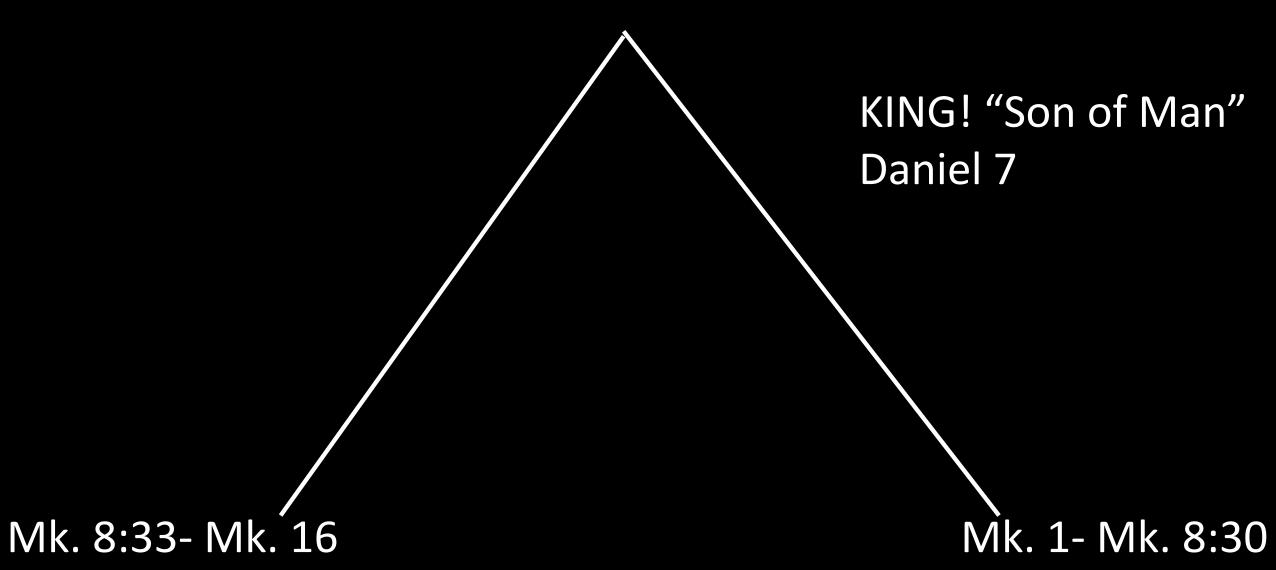
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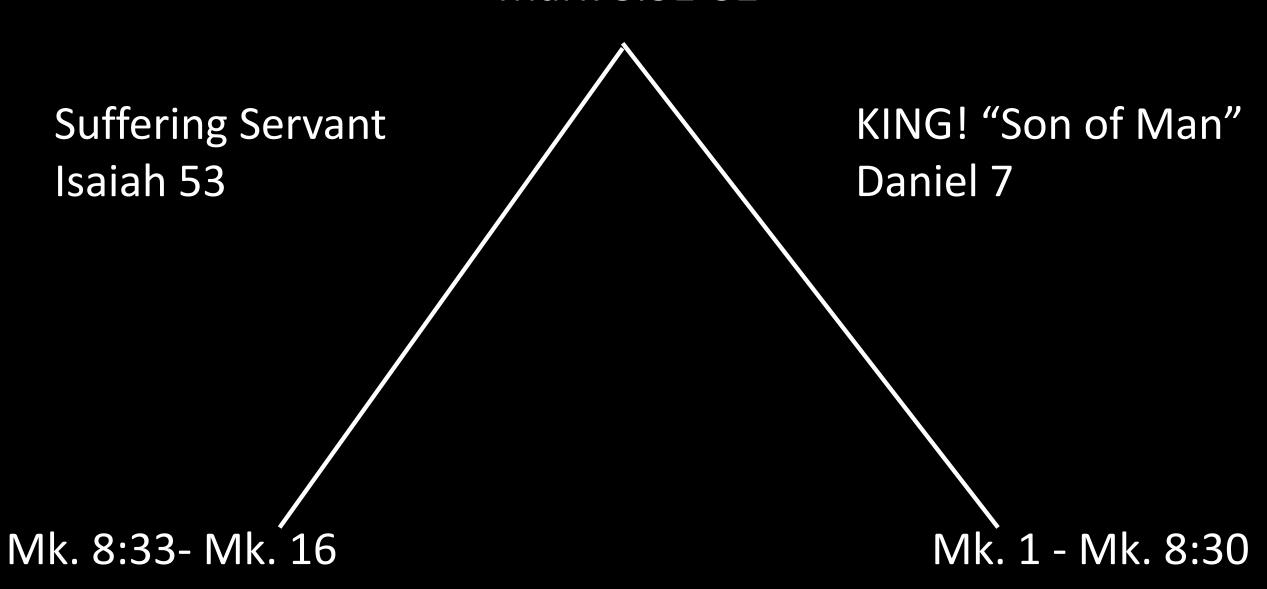
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Why is this Good News?

How can this be Good News for us?

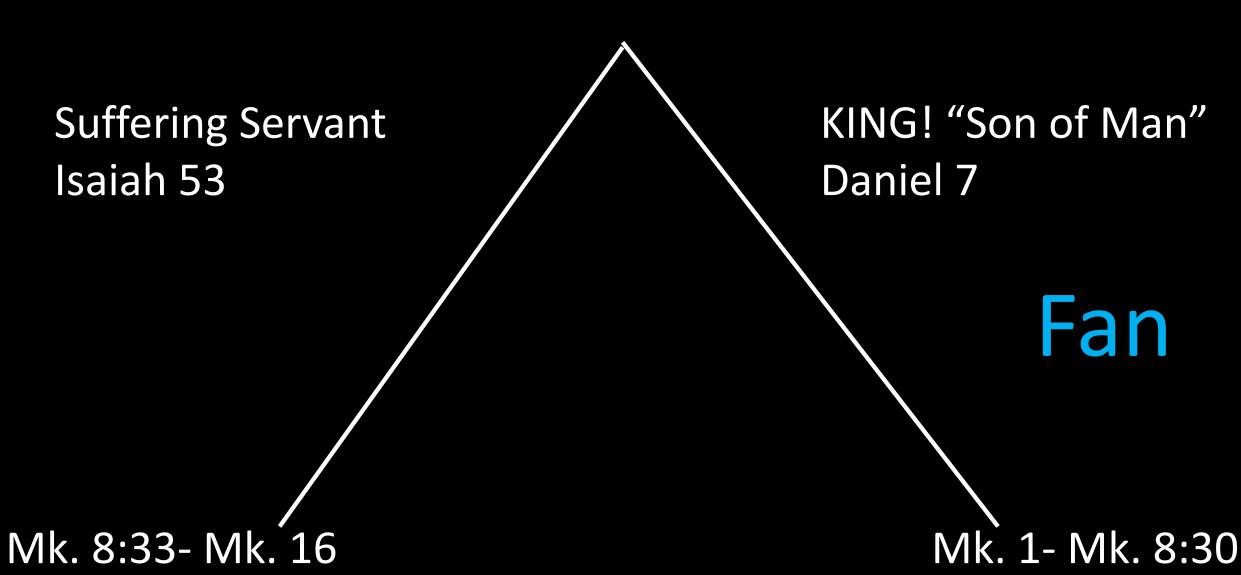
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Suffering Servant Isaiah 53

Follower

KING! "Son of Man"

Daniel 7

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Mk. 8:33- Mk. 16

Mk. 1- Mk. 8:30

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"Jesus called it 'life' and 'self,' or as we would say, the self-life. It's chief characteristic is to place the 'self' at the center of your 'life.'"

-Tozer







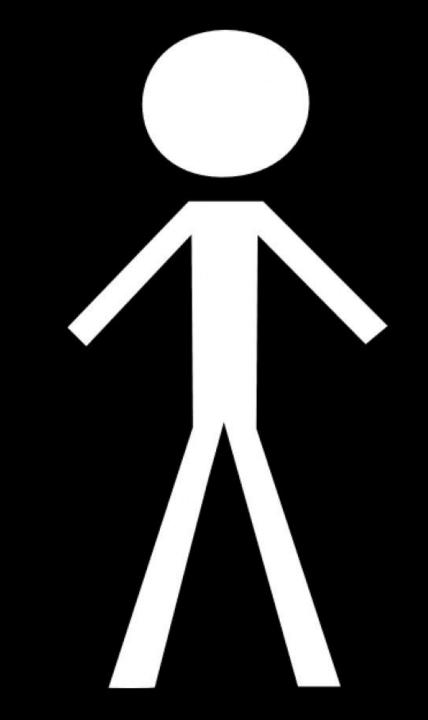
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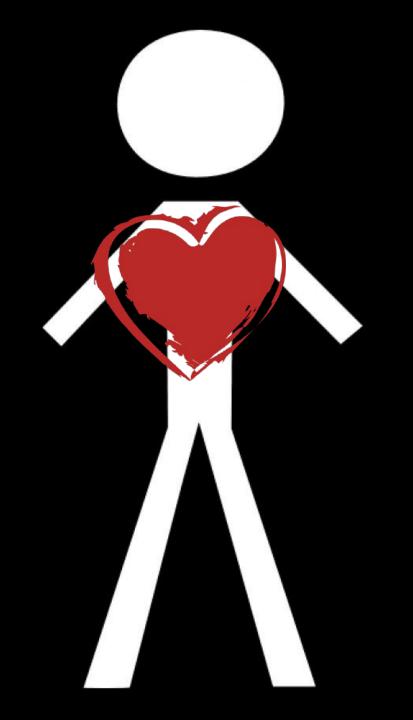
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"Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." "Not my will but yours be done."

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"Into your hands I commit my spirit."





"Deep in the heart of man was a shrine created for God alone. Outside of man a thousand gifts showered upon him. Our woes began when we forced God out of His shrine and things were allowed to enter, and things then took over. Now deep within are the fibrous roots of fallen nature always putting self at the center."

-Tozer

Why is this Good News?



Bob's a special kind of friend. The kind that drives you crazy.





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Your soul is infinite in it's need, because God is infinite in His supply.

"Your soul weighs nothing yet means everything."

John Ortberg



"The joy, delight and the happiness of one's soul comes from the object of it's affection."

-Henry Scroogle



"I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and know the fellowship of his sufferings, becoming like him in his death."

Phil 3:10



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How can this be Good News for us?

The power of a new affection

Idols of the soul are the *thing* beneath the "thing."

We are grateful for all of God's gifts, but we place improper expectation on them.

Following Christ is both triumph and cross.

God gives grace to the humble.





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