



BIG QUESTION

Would anyone make this up?



If the disciples made it all up, they were terrible at it. Their Gospels show Peter denying Jesus, his friends running away, and his own family saying, “He is out of his mind.” Historians call this the criterion of embarrassment: people rarely invent what makes their own side look bad.

And Jesus claimed what only God could. He forgave sins, and he told the high priest he would sit at the right hand of the Mighty One. C. S. Lewis said he has not left us the choice of calling him just a great human teacher.



Think it through

Answer in your own words.

1. Why would the Gospel writers keep stories that make Peter and the others look bad?

2. Jesus told a man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” Why were the teachers shocked?

3. Was Jesus just a good teacher? Why or why not?

4. What turned men who ran away into witnesses who wouldn't stop talking?

Memory verse

“But what about you?” he asked. ‘Who do you say I am?’ Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah.’”

Mark 8:29

Fill it in: “But what about you?” he _____ .

‘Who do you _____ I am?’ Peter _____

, ‘You are the _____ .’” Mark 8:29

I can say it! ☆ ☆ ☆ Color a star each time you say it.

Talk about it

1. Which part would you have cut if you were making it up?
2. Who do you say Jesus is?
3. Mark's Gospel takes about an hour to read. When could you read it?



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