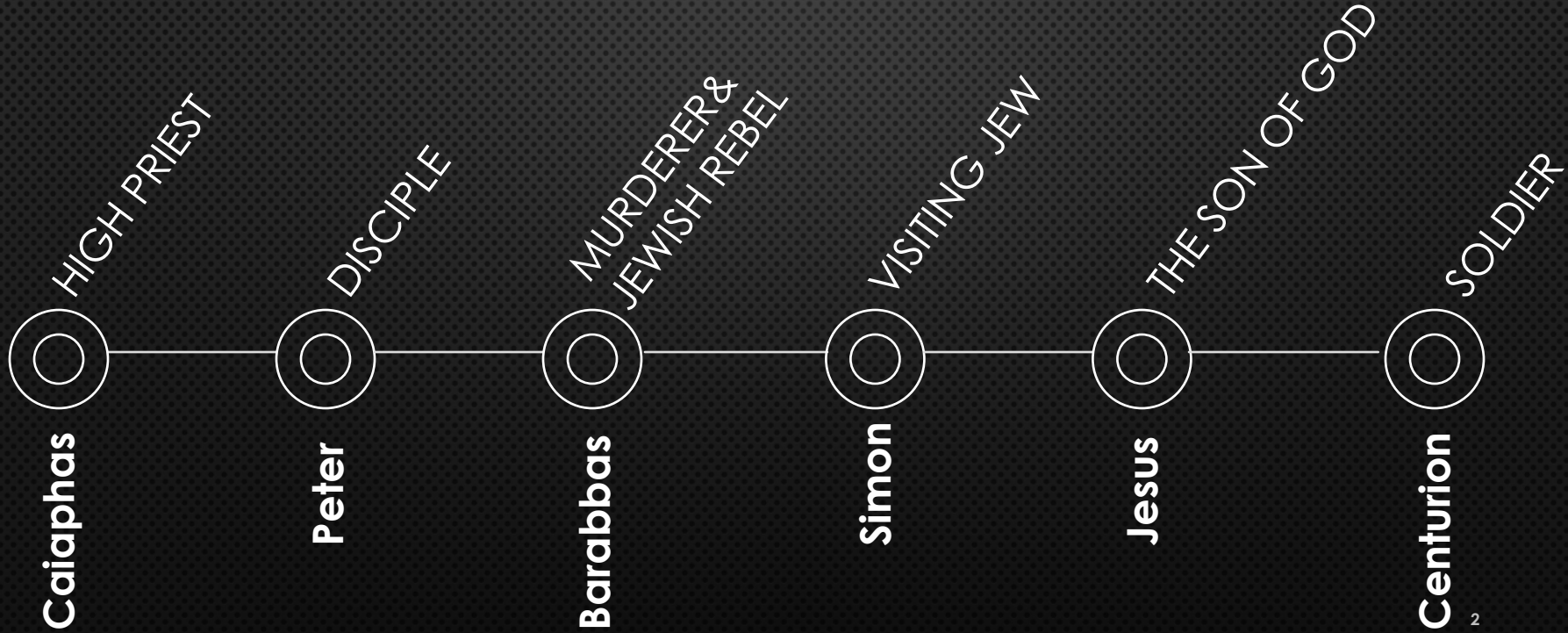


THE GOSPEL OF MARK

CHAPTERS 14.53-15.41:

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MK 14.53-15.41: RESPONDING TO JESUS

◎ CAIAPHAS

- Heard Truth of Jesus
- Was offended by Jesus
- Rejected Jesus

"The high priest tore his clothes. 'Why do we need any more witnesses?' he asked. 'You have heard the blasphemy...'

Mk 14.63



MK 14.53-15.41: RESPONDING TO JESUS

◎ PETER

- Knew the Truth of Jesus
- Disassociation from Jesus
- Knowledge, without change

“He began to call down curses on himself, and swore to them, “I don’t know this man you’re talking about.”

Mk 14.71



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◎ BARABBAS

- Rebel
- Condemned to death
- No known fruit

“Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.”

Mk 15.15



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◎ SIMON OF CYRENE

- Associated with Jesus
- Self-denial
- Followed Jesus

"A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross."

Mk 15.21



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◎ JESUS

- Submission to the Father
- Sacrificial life
- Will was entirely willing

“And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi Eloi, lama sabachtani – which means, “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?”

Mk 15.34



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◎ CENTURION

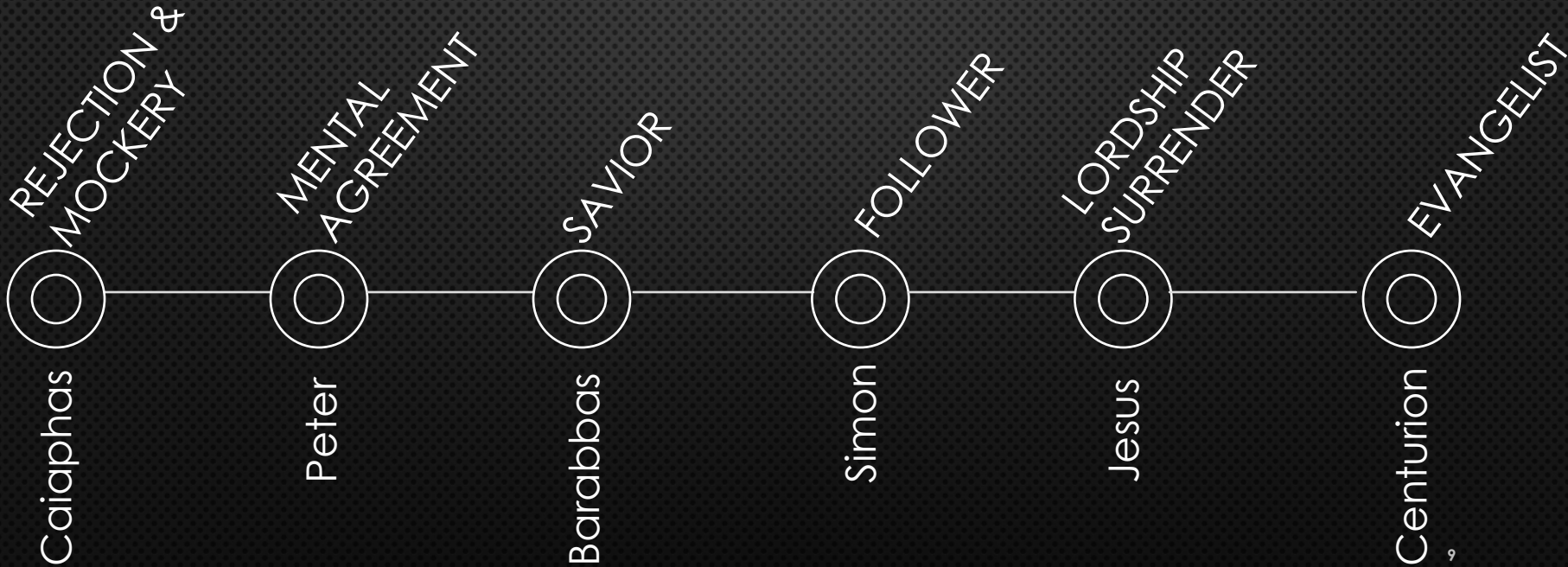
- Bold
- Disregards loss
- Public proclamation

“And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God.”

Mk 15.39



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Small Group Discussion Questions
(Mark 14:53–15:41)
November 10, 2016

Allow each person in your group to answer one of the following questions:

- *What did you learn this week from the reading or the speaker?*
 - *What are you going to do about it?*
 - *Who are you going to tell?*
1. Read Mark 15:6-15 again. How are you like Barabbas? What similarities do you see in his story and yours? He was imprisoned for murder and insurrection. How would your “crime” (sin) be described?
 2. Jesus was crucified. Discuss these simple questions that have profound theological implications:
 - Why did Jesus have to die?
 - If Jesus is God, why didn’t He just forgive all sin without having to die on the cross?
 - Why is Jesus’ death sufficient for your sins?
 - Why did Jesus say, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Mark 15:34)
 - Why was the temple curtain torn immediately following His death?
 3. The Roman centurion disregarded protocol, his position, and his self-preservation by boldly declaring that Jesus was the Son of God. (Mark 15:39) With whom do you need to share that truth—thereby disregarding your own position? What is your plan to do so? What concerns do you have about sharing this truth? Are you more concerned about what it could cost you rather than what not knowing Jesus will cost them: a life of sin, separation from God, judgment, hell?