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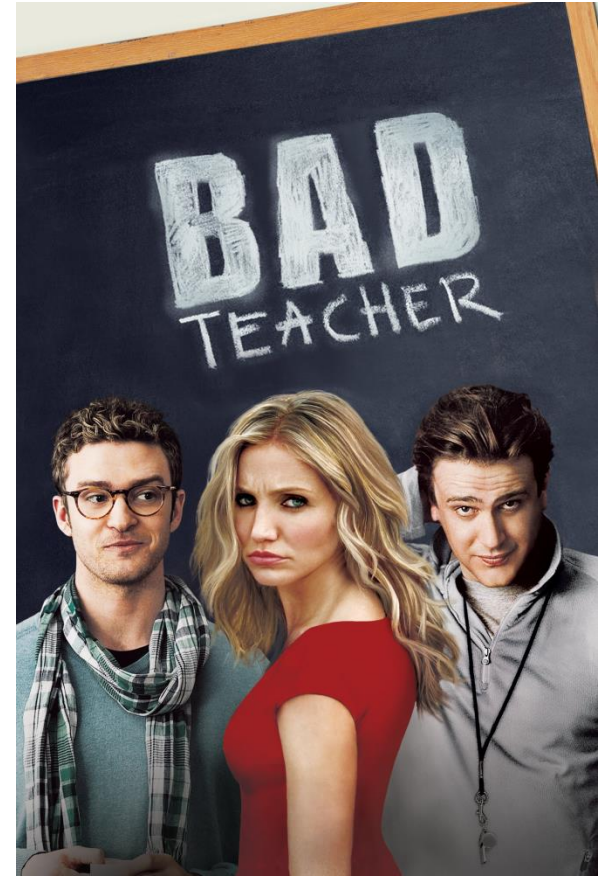
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In Mark's effort to help us recognize Jesus and worship Him appropriately, he points out good examples and bad examples. Repeatedly, we have seen that those good examples come from very unexpected people.

Bad Examples





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“The Lord” (God)

“said to my Lord” (**The Christ**)

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- Jesus points out: Why would David call a descendant (a great, great, great...grandchild) his 'Lord.'
 - Throughout David's story – Samuel was not his master, Saul was not his master, The priests were not his masters - He was subject only to **God**



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Acts 2:34 – Peter at Pentecost

³⁴ For **David did not ascend into the heavens,**
but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,

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³⁵until I make your enemies your
footstool.””

³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for
certain that God has made him both Lord and
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The Christ - Greater Than Angels - Hebrews 1:13

**¹³ And to which of the angels has he ever said,
“Sit at my right hand
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The Christ – Our Great High Priest - Hebrews 10:11

¹¹ And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, **he sat down at the right hand of God,** ¹³ **waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.** ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.



Paul in Romans 8:33-35

³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—**who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.** ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?



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Fully Man and Fully God



Bad Theology → Bad Behavior



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The Religious Leaders

- Liked the notoriety (the long robes)
- Liked the honor (honor at public events)
- Liked the perks (best seats at church)
- Were not trustworthy in representing the Scriptures
- Were not trustworthy in loving their neighbor
- Were not trustworthy models in their expressions of worship



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A Good Example

- Do we have to be poor – **No**
- Does God only like small offerings – **No**
- Does God only like the Tech Team - **No**
- Is all of our giving monetary – **No**
- Is it voided if someone notices – **No**
- So what does God want?



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