


discovering
JESUS

| **The Gospel of Mark** |
1:1 - 8:26



rules and
RELIGION

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7:1-30

**WHAT DOES IT TAKE
FOR US TO BE MORALLY
ACCEPTABLE TO
GOD?**

Timeline

586 BC – Babylonian captivity of Judah

538 BC – Return to Israel (decree of Cyrus)

332 BC – Alexander the Great conquers Palestine





Education



Healthcare



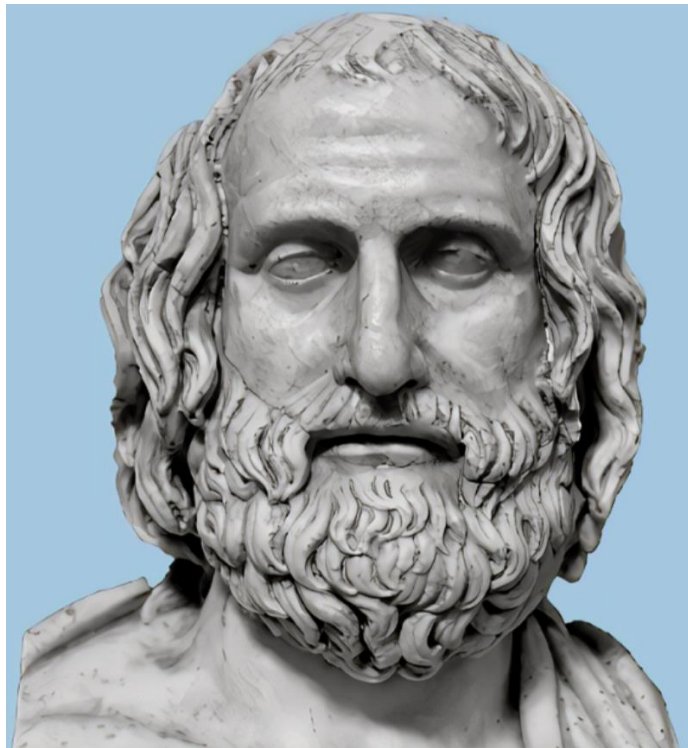
Entertainment



Athletics

Protagoras:

“**Man** is the measure of all things.” 450 BC



5 Responses to the good news of Hellenism

- Sadducees = Corrupt mafia-like priesthood
 - Herodians = AKA Hellenistic Jews
 - Essenes = Monks of Judaism
 - Zealots = Violent Jewish militia
 - Pharisees = Pious ones, devoted to obedience
- } Pro-Hellenism



2 Responses to the Good News of Jesus

- **Pharisees - Mere piety over moral purity** vv1-8
(Insider)
 - **Ritualism over righteousness** vv9-16
 - **Hard work over heart work** vv17-23
- **Foreigner - Bold and believing** vv24-26
(Outsider)
 - **Confident and conformed** vv27-28
 - **Faithful and free** vv29-30



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- Foreigner - “Human **wholeness** comes,
(Outsider)
not by denying reality,
but **conforming** to it.”



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GOD

IS TO HAVE FAITH IN

CHRIST

WHICH LEADS TO OBEYING HIS

WORD