

SERMON TRANSCRIPT

Who Is Jesus – Mark 1:1-13

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We are starting a brand new series uh a new series in the bible and so that's what we do here at Sunrise is we study the Bible okay so we're gonna be looking in the bible and a book that um I don't know if you've studied much it's the book of mark okay the book of mark is an interesting book because it's one of the gospels it's a short gospel it's a really kind of concise bible book and what I love about it is it's very sunrise okay it's a very sunrise type of a book in that it's a very outreach type book the book of mark is not like Matthew it's not like Luke it's not like John it was written not for a bunch of Jewish religious people it was written for gentiles and romans and that's why when you read mark you don't find you'll find some scripture in there but not a lot it's not like every time something happens there's a big scripture it says okay here's a prophecy that was fulfilled right because that's what the jews needed romans don't care about any of that stuff they don't care and so this is a book that doesn't have a little bit of it like we're going to see a little bit even today a little bit of scripture but there's not a lot and that's important for us because our church we have some things that are core values things that are kind of what we're targeting things that we're trying to hit right marks you like that how I pull that in there we're trying to hit a mark you like that that's pretty good wasn't it right we want to hit the mark and one of our one of the ways we do our marks this way is we have what's called core values one of our core values uh says this it says lost people matter to god therefore they should matter to us lost people matter to god therefore they should matter to us so if you come to this church and you say well why do you do some of the stuff you're doing why don't you do it the way other churches have done it for millions of years we do it a certain way because lost people matter to god Jesus says that I didn't come to I didn't come for the well I came for the sick right and so we're here we're here to be a hospital not necessarily a uh a shrine for saints okay so that's what this book is this book is about the gospel it's gonna start out talking about the gospel and it's a really great really great book um as a matter of fact if you do any mission anybody ever do any mission work go on mission trips or send money to missionaries or you've done some of that kind of stuff right you don't understand missionaries one of the things missionaries do is they do a lot of bible translating because they go to places where they've never had the bible they need the bible you know the book that they translate the most book of mark it's a shorter book right it's a gospel but it's also very evangelistic and so the book of mark believe it or not is the most translated book ever in the world some of you thought it was John it's not it's the book of mark because it's shorter it's concise and it's about the gospel it's all about the gospel this book though is written by a guy named mark and he said well how can a book written by a guy named mark be in the bible because I thought that it had to be associated with one of the apostles and I'm going through the apostles and I'm trying to figure out which apostle that is mark I don't remember Jesus turning over and saying hey mark I don't remember that right when did that happen what happened when we talk about authorship why books are in the bible it's because it doesn't have to be the primary author but it has to be connected closely with an apostle and the apostle that this is closely connected with is the apostle Peter if you were to go into first Peter chapter 5 verse 13 it says she who is in Babylon chosen together with you sends you her greetings so this is part of his you know part of his letter and so does my son mark oh it's his son no it's not his son it's somebody that's so close it's like a kid it's kind of like I look I look at Job and now I love Job I take you know I consider him kind of like my kid right and I care what he does and if he messes up it's like hey what you're doing right Job

and so this series we're going to call it who is Jesus who is Jesus we started out a little bit uh last week talking about who is this Jesus we did that on Palm Sunday and what I want you to understand the reason why that is important why is it important that we know who Jesus is um let me give you an example okay our response to

Jesus is related to who he is it's more to uh who we believe he is than what he says okay let me say that again our response to Jesus how we respond to him is more related to who we believe he is than what he does here's what I said let's say Jesse all right Jesse can I put you on the spot here for a second I'm putting everybody on the spot today because I just drank a bunch of Pepsi right so jessie jumps out here and she says everybody get out of the church okay what do you do well you look at each other and say why is this girl saying get out of the church what is wrong with her something is though I don't understand why she's doing that we wonder about and does anybody get up and leave the church no because they're like something must be wrong with jessie because she's telling everybody to leave the church right okay and it's not because Jesse's not a great gal it's not because we don't love Jesse but you're thinking why is she doing this you know I get up here and I say everybody get out of the church you do the exact same thing you look at each other and say we ain't getting out of no church you get out of the church we've been waiting to tell you to get out of church right that's right you don't do any it's because of who I am fire marshal comes in fire marshal comes in here quick dressed in all of his fire garb comes into the middle and he says everybody out of the church

and you're like well Randy's like well I know that guy and I'm not going nowhere right I know that guy I'm not going some of you are like oh no it's a fire guy there must be a fire and you pick up and leave half the room leaves the other is like hey I knew you were second grade I'm not going nowhere right um now another guy comes in same thing comes in here with a black hood on completely draped and an ar-15 and he says everybody get out of the church now whoa we're flying right why the exact same thing the exact same thing but the difference is different people we know who they are who Jesus is really affects how we respond to him

if you're one of these people that grew up with Jesus in town right Jesus didn't do a lot of miracles in this town right because they grew up with them and it's randy talking to looking at the fire marshal and saying dude I knew you in the second grade and you used to eat glue right I'm not going anywhere I'm not going anywhere that's the nature of it's important that we understand who Jesus is because if we the more you understand who he is the more you understand who he is the more likely you are to respond properly to Jesus okay you're gonna say oh I didn't respond to him before but now that I know who he is now that I understand more deeply that he is this and he's that now when he tells me to do this I'm going to do it now when this comes into my life and I think of the words of Jesus I'm going to respond differently I'm going to trust him more than I trust myself and my own experience because I know who he is so here's what I want us to do let's open up our bibles if you got one uh there should be red ones in in the things you can we'll throw stuff on the screen but if you don't have a bible we've got them on the back table there you can take one write your name in it that becomes your bible all of a sudden like we say we just don't want you to sell your bible a new bible that we gave you on eBay okay here we go here we go let's uh let's take a look at this let me pray for us and then we'll dive in god thank you so much for your word and got our goal here this morning is we want to know who Jesus is we want to know who you are god we want to look at the testimonies of different people in scripture and find out who do they say you are and are those valid and then how does that affect the way I live god I pray that you would reveal yourself to us through your word in Jesus name amen all right so let's take a look here right at the beginning of mark I got to turn to it myself mark chapter 1. here's how it starts out it says the beginning of the good news about Jesus the messiah son of god as it is written in Isaiah the prophet so it just starts out that's how the gospel starts out does that sound different than some of the other gospels you read how do the other gospels start out they start out with Christmas don't they right they all start out with the birth of Jesus either that or it starts out with a long genealogy about so and so begot

so and so who begot so and so who begot this person who eventually Jesus came from that and it's all about genealogies and it's all about Christmas and birth and here's the thing this book is written specifically to people that are romans people that are non-Christians people that are gentiles and they don't give anything they don't care at all about who his great-grandpa was okay they don't care about that they don't care about uh they don't care about the Christmas story they don't care about any of that because that's not central to them to the gospel that's not central to mark to explaining what the gospel is okay it's not central to that so you're not going to find a whole lot of old testament prophecy you're not going to find uh focus on genealogies and he starts with this he starts with this says the beginning of the good news about Jesus the messiah the son of god as it is written in Isaiah the prophet

so mark calls the source of the good news this is the good news what's the good news the gospel is good news when we say hey I'm going to go share the gospel with somebody I'm saying I'm going to share good news and how is it defined here it's defined as Jesus is the gospel he's the source of the gospel the gospel is in this person of Jesus okay so here's our first one

the first witness about who Jesus is mark himself and we'll throw this up on the screen if you got your notes you're welcome to fill these out if you want we got pins there for you but mark testifies that Jesus is the messiah and the son of god the messiah the son of god now the messiah would be important to jews because they're been waiting for the messiah for a long time they're under oppression all that kind of stuff they're waiting for him to free them but that's not going to be so important so he flips right away from messiah and goes right to son of god right because gentiles they care about gods right they care about all kinds of gods romans they care about gods any god you can give this is the son of god you see what does that mean what does that mean when it says the son of god let's walk through this for a second just kind of think through this a second can it mean that Jesus is god's kid because like if I talk about the son of Dustin right who's the son of Dustin cooper right why is he the son of Dustin he's the son of Dustin because well I don't want to get into all the specifics of how that happened but he is my offspring he is my son we created him that's the point he was created by his mommy and me

is that the case for Jesus when it says he's the son of God is the point that oh god and Mary they created this Jesus that is not really the point of the son of God because when did the son of God exist before he was born

yeah the son of god Jesus was the son did Jesus become the son on Christmas day is that when he became the son cooper became the son of Dustin um well it depending on where you think things start he became my son I don't know as soon as I saw the little thing and I was like wow you know the what the what is it like an ultrasound I looked at that say oh that's my son right but when was Jesus the son of god he was the son of god way before that he was he's always been the son of god in the creation of the world Jesus was the son of god even then and he hadn't even been begotten so it can't be that that can't be the nature of what a son is I'll tell you this about sonship

sonship is a lot more about the relationship between the father and the son than it is about you know there are some guys that our dads are fathers but they're not dads there's actually way more of those than there are actually real dads that actually take care of their kids right there's all kinds of guys that go out and they just they create people but they're not dads they're not fathers and Jesus is the perfect example of a son with his father what is the nature of that relationship watch Jesus throughout the bible and how he reacts to his father there is nobody that Jesus respects or loves or has more uh more uh wants to follow more or to please more than his daddy than his father that's the nature of this father and son relationship that's my father and I'm going to do whatever he says if he asks me to do something I will do it I live why am I doing these things leading up to the cross because my father why am I why am I healing these people because of my father everything is about his father and that's actually the example of what a father-son relationship really should be like it's the perfect model of a father-son relationship where a son has complete and total trust over in his father and his father can be trusted in that way that's the perfect relationship that there should be between a father and a son now our society has made it completely different they've torn it apart and said well you know what you need to you need to basically rip away from your father and show your father whose boss and this could that's just that's not the way it is Jesus shows you the perfect example of father son and so he is the son of god it also makes him equal with god right

and what does mark mean when he says son of god well mark explains it in the next verse he says he explains it he uses a quote from Malachi and from Isaiah he says he says I will send my messenger ahead of you who will prepare your way a voice of one calling in the wilderness prepare the way for the lord make straight paths for him right he's saying make way for this one who is going to come that's the son of god the one who god is sending into the world god is sending somebody into the world and we got to get prepped for it because this is really serious but he's coming into the world that's what he means by the son of god he's incarnating he's becoming a part of part of god and so we get something we learned something from Malachi about who the son of god is we've already learned from mark that he's the messiah the son of god from Malachi we find out that um they testify that Jesus is the lord Jesus is the lord what does that mean that he's the lord

what does that mean it means excuse me this is he's god come to sinful people and you need to get ready for his arrival watch this watch this it says and so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins let me go back to the lord let me go back to the lord what do you think that means when he's the lord when you hear that term the lord it always remains it always means god the lord now if I was to go up to you to Nathan and say hello there my lord Nathan would look at me and say boy you are one funky monkey right well I don't know why you're saying that uh that doesn't make any sense some people they're really important like in Britain or something you'll go up to and say oh yes my lord when it's in scripture and they're talking about the lord and usually it's even in the Greek the original language you'll see it it's capital l-o-r-d it'll use the name of god oftentimes when it's talking about the lord we're talking about god himself right the god of the old testament the god of the new testament the god throughout time that god is the lord and it says and verse 4 it says and so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him confessing their sins they were baptized by him in the Jordan river John wore a clothes made of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist and he ate locusts and wild honey this guy's a this guy's kind of a piece of work isn't he right so I don't know I it's been a while since I've been to high school but I know if there was somebody at my high school that like went to

lunch and they pulled out their lunch and they had locust in there and honey and then they wore the latest fashions right it was all camel hair all the time right this person would not be popular at school right he's not sitting with the cool kids in the lunchroom right but that's what's bizarre here is that this and this guy's out in the woods all the time he's like always out in the wilderness and he's baptizing people in a really kind of funky kind of gross river it's really muddy and it's even a river that you're not even allowed to purify people in I don't know if you knew that they weren't allowed to purify for jews we're not allowed to purify people in the Jordan river because it was considered kind of a nasty river right and this guy's out there he's out in the water all the time he's wearing camel hair he's eating locusts and you're like dude who is this and you're and you would think this guy would be like nobody want anything to do him the whole city's out there chasing after this guy he's like a rock star everybody loves this guy they're like man oh yeah john he's the great guy look it says the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him confessing their sins they were baptized by him in the Jordan river think of that think of that people coming out to a river public place and they start confessing their sins I did this there's other people around vocally just saying I did this I committed this sin I committed that sin I committed this sin but why would people do that because john is calling people he's calling people to repentance but he's also the repentance is the result of the fact that Jesus is coming the one who is promised is coming there is one coming who is great and you need to get ready for this guy I don't know if you've ever had to prep for somebody like we come let's have somebody come over to our house and you know it's my mom or it's my dad or somebody and all of a sudden we clean like the downstairs toilet the one that we never use that one gets cleaned once every six months right nobody uses it ever but you go down there every six months and go well why are you doing that because we got to prepare why well your mom's going to be here oh okay well we better clean that toilet right we got to get things clean we got to fix things get them ready and what he's saying is listen Jesus is coming uh he is really important he's the one prophesied in the old time he is so worthy and so that you need to prep for this guy you need to prep your heart you need to prep your soul don't just show up we need to be ready when he comes because we don't want to miss this right you need to kind of clean the downstairs bathroom of your soul here so that when Jesus shows up you're ready repent confess your sins and so that's what's happening here this guy's an interesting cat though but he's super popular and so john the Baptist testifies we'll throw this one up there john the Baptist testifies that Jesus is the baptizer with the holy spirit do you see that what he said says he will baptize with the holy spirit

now there's different kinds of baptism that happens different kinds of cleansings that happen in uh in the in the bible jews never dunked you okay you were never dunked as a jew okay right because jews didn't need to be completely dunked you know who you dunked you knew who you baptized who you dunked completely gentiles real sinners right the bad people you would dunk them so gentiles people that were that were that were other gods romans people like that gentiles that wanted to become jews they would get baptized okay and when they did that they would dunk them completely under the water like you and I get baptized here at sunrise and they would come out they didn't do that for jews what did they do to jews they'd take a little water and they'd sprinkle them right or they do a little they do a little ceremonial washing they didn't go all the way under the water why because gentiles were really bad

and jews were kind of bad but they still were a part of the nation of Israel they were still god's people right so baptism is just for those people it's for those nasty people and here's what john does john goes out to the Jordan river a river that you couldn't even purify people in and he's out there and he's calling people to come and say you

know what you need to recognize that you really are a sinner that you're not just needing a little sprinkle but you're just like a gentile you're just like a gentile you've got no status with god except for this that that you need to repent lay it all out and recognize that you're a sinner because you gotta know you're prepping for Jesus showing up okay this is a really big deal it's a really big deal

and john's main point here he says repent but that's not the main message the main message is this that he's coming isn't that his main message he's coming and the repentance is just a part of that because he's coming you better repent you better turn from your sin you better acknowledge your sin you better confess your sin and say I'm giving that up wash it away okay wash it away really humble it's very it's a very humble way to look at this verse 7 it says this was his message after me comes one more powerful than I the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie I baptize you with water but he will baptize you with the holy spirit all right so here we got another testimony this is john the Baptist and what does he testify to he testifies that Jesus is exceedingly powerful and worthy exceedingly powerful and worthy listen he's so exceedingly powerful and worthy that I'm not even worthy to get down and untie his shoe

this is what I love about john the Baptist john the Baptist is not about john the Baptist and I think this is crucial for us as a church sunrise bible church should not be about sunrise bible church right the whole point of john's ministry is to point people to that guy that's the whole point of his ministry his whole ministry is everybody's coming to him right he's real popular people like oh man we really love the camel here right and they're coming and they're excited about him and he's like whoa don't even look at me look at him there's a guy coming and forget me look at him forget about me don't look at me look at that guy that guy is the one who we care about don't worry about me care about that guy I'm pointing everybody that way I'm preparing for that guy everybody look at him Jesus it's all about Jesus and not about john he says I must become less he must become greater I must become less right as Christians our goal needs to be pointing people to that guy people to that guy when I go to work yes I want yes I want to do well at work but I want to point people to that guy right when I'm out and about I'm it's all about pointing people away from our self and pointing people toward that guy it's kind of interesting in the Babylonian Talmud are writings that are written by jews about scripture and about doctrine but they're not really scripture but they really give us a good idea of how they believed and what they thought about things during the time and it says here it says all services which a slave does for his master a pupil should do for his master should do for let me read it again all services that a slave does for his master a pupil should do for his teacher

you like that so it's good to be a teacher right because then you're like all right well all the things that the slave would do as first master then I'm the teacher all right well that's great go get me a turkey pop pie right but it doesn't stop there it says with the exception of undoing his shoes with the exception of undoing his shoes you can't you can't ask somebody to untie your shoe right if you're a slave that's one thing but if you're if you're a teacher and a student and as a teacher say hey can you untie my shoes for me and take my shoes off you're like you know you just went too far right there you're kind of pushing the envelope there of a fungi and stinkiness and I'm not involved in any of that kind of stuff right leave me alone

and yet John knows this and John says you know what I'm not even worthy to do that I'm not even worthy that's how great Jesus is this guy that's coming that I'm pointing you to he's so great that some people are saying I wouldn't you know don't make me do that I wish that I could untie his shoes I wish that I could untie his sandals I wish that I could touch his feet I wish that I could do that but I'm not even worthy of that that's what John is saying about him he's saying that he's so exceedingly powerful and so exceedingly worthy and he goes on in John 9 says at that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan just as Jesus was coming out of the water he saw heaven being torn open and the spirit descending on him like a dove and a voice came from heaven you are my son whom I love with you I am well pleased and so here we've got God testifying so we've had John the Baptist we've had the Holy Spirit testify we've had a number of people testify tell us who Jesus is now God the Father does and what does he say this is this is his son whom he loves and is well pleased right God the Father testifies that Jesus is his son whom he loves and his well believes a lot of you been baptized when he got baptized did anything like this happen to you on that day I remember when I got baptized I've been baptized twice I was baptized when I was 16 in a Methodist church because it was the only church my mom had let me go to I wasn't allowed to go to the Pentecostal church that I that my buddies went to and so I went to that church and they sprinkled me and I was like all right you know what happened nothing I didn't feel anything I didn't sense that the sky wasn't torn open and there wasn't a voice Dustin I am well pleased with you it was none of that there was none of that anybody else anybody had the experience where that happened the sky opened up and God said Tammy I am well pleased with you well done no this is special this is very special this doesn't happen normally actually this has never happened to anybody else the sky is torn open and God the Father speaks down now what has Jesus done that he's so special what's he done has he done anything that's special has he healed anybody no has he preached any good sermons no what's Jesus done he hadn't done nothing he went out and he had some guy baptizing that's all he's done at this point and the sky opens up and says this is my son whom I love with him I am well pleased because God what you do what you're going to do in ministry what you're going to do in life is based on who you are right it's based on who you are and God looks down and he sees who Jesus is and says I am pleased I am happy imagine getting your well done good and faithful servant here in front of everybody from God himself that's what happens when you love the sky to open up and do that I don't know man that's kind of crazy but then it goes on it says just as Jesus was coming up out of the water he saw heaven being torn open and the spirit descending on him like a dove so we have another witness we have a dove now shows up the Holy Spirit testifies that Jesus is peace between God and man peace between God and man okay let me break this down for you a little bit where do you see a dove in the Bible other than this you remember when Noah had was on the ark right and God was laying his wrath out upon all the people right it's God's wrath on the people there's no peace between God and people at this point because he's like I'm snuffing you out right and so he has a big flood and then when the flood is over when the flood is over right when the wrath of God is gone the wrath of God has receded right the water is receded and God's not anger the anger of God that we saw in the waves that's dissipated and now it's now it's down and how do we know that that's over that the wrath of God has been finished because he sends the dove out and the dove comes back and the dove is a sign right the dove is a sign the wrath of God has receded Jesus is baptized and he goes underwater when he does a voice comes from heaven and what happens a dove descends on him right what's that saying it's saying it's saying that Jesus is peace between God and man with this guy this guy John the Baptist is pointing to there's no longer wrath between God and man right it's peace now the raven the uh the raven is gone but now the dove has returned right and the dove is saying it's making this very clear point the wrath is over the wrath is over in the person of Jesus let's finish it up with this one verse 12 says at once the spirit sent him out into the wilderness and he was in the wilderness 40 days being tempted by Satan it's a long time to be tempted by Satan he was with the wild animals and angels attended him I like that he's with the wild animals it's kind of like in the garden like there's wild animals with him

and he's just like with him like he's at peace they're not like eating him and stuff he's like he's like fine with him it's just like in the garden where all the animals were good with each other just like we'll see uh in heaven at the end but he's out there now what's going on here what is going on with this temptation because if you read Matthew and you read Luke this same story he he is baptized and he goes out into the wilderness and he's tempted by Satan for 40 days but you see what the specific temptations are why is he being tempted let me try to lay this out a little bit and we'll just close with this all right because I'm out of time and hopefully this will help you a little bit

in the garden of Eden god put a person named Adam in the garden and what happened when he was in that garden he was tempted by Satan okay he was tempted by Satan how was he tempted by Satan he was tempted by Satan by Satan taking the word of god and twisting it to mean something that it didn't mean to see if this person would be able to figure that out

and what happened Adam failed Adam was tempted by the devil and he failed miserably and that's how sin came into the world we go a little bit further and now the wrath of god the sin nature that was caused by that is now in the people of Israel and they show up and they are slaves to sin and where are they slaves in Egypt they're slaves in Egypt and as they come out of Egypt how do they come out of Egypt where do they where do they pass through anybody know where do they pass through to get out of Egypt there's a body of water right and the water splits right the red sea and they go through right what are they doing they are under the water and they're looking up they are under water they're not wet but they're under the water kind of like a baptism isn't it they're baptized and then driven where into the desert okay they're driven into the desert they're in the desert and they are tempted over and over you don't have enough food we don't have any food very similar temptations to what we see with Jesus man shall not live by bread alone right all these temptations are laid out they're laid out and what happens they fail miserably

Jesus shows up and it says in the book of romans that Jesus is the second Adam all this came into all this came in by way of the first Adam all the sin and all the disobedience that all came through the first Adam but it's all fixed and tells us about Jesus is that's proclaiming that Jesus is the second Adam the one who now will go into the garden who now will go into the desert who will be tempted and he will be victorious right so his temptation in the desert testifies that Jesus is victorious over Satan okay that's what it teaches us that he's victorious over Satan

the garden of Eden the time and notice it's 40 years where they're where they're in the desert being tempted how long is Jesus in the desert 40 days everything matches up because this is a clear sign that Jesus is victorious in the way that the first Adam and the people of god were unable to be the original man wasn't able to be victorious those that were followers that were trying to in their own will and with their own gut to be victorious they couldn't but god is and he's victorious and he gives us so who is Jesus and how do we respond uh to him to knowing who he is first of all he's the messiah the son of god scripture just taught us he's the messiah the son of god it tells us that he's the lord it tells us that he's the baptizer with the holy spirit we learned that he is exceedingly powerful and worthy we learned that the son whom the father loves and is well pleased that's who he is we learned that he is peace between god and man and we learned that he is victorious over Satan you put all that together and you say does that affect the way I live do I really believe this and if I do and he comes in and he cries in the middle of

the thing and says everybody get out of here you just wonder or did you get out and you run you respond to this Jesus a different way what's your next right step with god knowing who he is it uh making a commitment to him saying you know I didn't know that he was the he was the savior I didn't know he was god and I know he's come to save me and I want to commit myself to him maybe you've committed your life to Christ you're like I'm ready to get baptized we're ready to do some baptisms we've got some folks ready to get baptized if you want to get baptized write it on your communication card we'll uh we'll dunk you real good right we're pro we're pro dunk around this place maybe you're saying hey I have sin in my life and I and I just need to repent I need to turn from my sin like john was calling us to repent I'm gonna repent I'm turning away from my sin because I recognize that he's worthy of that right he's so worthy he can't even untie his shoes right maybe it's some kind of service maybe it's I'm gonna be more bold today I don't know what it is but um let's go ahead and let's go and pray and then I'm gonna dismiss this god thank you so much for who you are for your word god for revealing to us who Jesus is and I pray in Jesus name that that we would respond appropriately to uh the knowledge not just in our brain but in our heart of who you truly are you are our god we are unworthy to untie your shoes god you are you're the king of kings thank you

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