

# Eyes (& Ears) on the Prize:

**THEOLOGICAL RESEARCH SEMINAR**

**JUDGING THE JESUS-  
MARK'S EXPERIENCE OF  
CHARACTERS**



**TUESDAY MAR 23, 2009: 12:30-1:20PM**

**A PAPER BY JUSTIN COMBER**

The Gospel of Mark uses Jesus/Character interactions for both plot and thematic reasons. The 'crowd' moves with Jesus, seeing all he says and does. Word travels and 3 distinct responses to the Jesus experience emerge: The disciples see, hear and doubt; leaders in Jerusalem see, hear and accuse; and a few characters see, hear, and align themselves with Jesus in faith.



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