

**Title:** The Authority of King Jesus

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**Context of passage:** Jesus baptism

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*Jesus as King*

Mark 1:1

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

- gospel = good news of a king's arrival

*Jesus' coronation*

Mark 1:10-11

And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

**Overview:** Jesus' kingly authority

I. King Jesus' authority over Satan

II. King Jesus' authority over sin

III. King Jesus' authority over sinners

## **I. KING JESUS' AUTHORITY OVER SATAN**

Mark 1:12-13

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*Wilderness*

- Why wilderness?
- associated with demonic activity
- Israel had wandered in the wilderness for 40 years

*Tempted*

- In Greek = to test or to prove
- Test vs. temptation = distinction is based on the purpose
  - God test's to sharpen true character with no intent for the believer to fall
  - Satan's tempts to have one fall into sin

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

2 Corinthians 13:5

Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

James 1:13

Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

- Trials are used by the Holy Spirit to bring out the best in us
- Jesus was tested to affirm the path laid out for Him.

## II. KING JESUS’ AUTHORITY OVER SIN

Mark 1:14-15

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

### *What is the good news?*

- Time is fulfilled
- Kingdom of God is at hand
- Repent
- Believe in the gospel

### *Time is fulfilled*

1 Peter 1:10-11

Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.

- many prophecies previously pointed to the coming of the Kingdom of God

### *Kingdom of God is at hand*

- Now, many prophecies are fulfilled with Jesus
- Redemption has been occurring in the hearts of followers of Jesus. Salvation came through the message of Christ
- Jesus taught both present and future dimensions of the kingdom: inaugurated by Jesus but awaits consummation in the future
  - Already (Jesus came as Savior) but not yet (Jesus coming as judge)
  - Isaiah 61: Year of Favor
  - Second coming: Time of judgment

John 3:19-20

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

### *Repent*

- Of what? Of being a sinner.
- Repent = a change of trajectory
- Biblical repentance involves a total transformation of heart, mind, and emotions
- Not regret/remorse (merely sorry or acknowledging sin/wrong exists)
- Should be main characteristic of a Christian: we recognize sin, our need for a Savior, and turn from it

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- Question: Does your life reflect repentance? (Humility to accept our sinfulness vs. prideful denial of our weakness)
- Always recognize you are a sinner - so bad that you need the Son of God to die for you. But there is good news...

*Believe in the Gospel*

- Jesus, the Son of God, has paid the price of your sin. You only need to believe and turn to Jesus as your only hope/salvation.
- What happens next? Your heart is transformed and want to honor God with your life.

### **III. KING JESUS' AUTHORITY OVER SINNERS**

Mark 1:16-20

Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

*And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men."*

- You cannot have a relationship with Jesus unless He calls you.
- All of the disciples knew of Jesus before this particular moment where Jesus called them to be His disciples. (Perhaps a year after initial contact and they went back to fishing)

John 1:35-37

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

Serving and following Jesus must be the supreme passion of our lives.

- moderation is not the trait of a follower of Jesus

Luke 9:23-24

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

Luke 14:26

If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

- meaning = not calling to hate actively but comparatively

- follow Jesus so intensely and enduringly so that all other attachments look like hate in comparison
- Jesus is not a “means” to an end (use Him to get something)
  - You can be fanatical and use Christianity as a means of oppressing others. Treat Christianity as a vice, rather than good news
- But rather Jesus is the end goal. Period.
  - When Jesus is the end goal, love and compassion will flow
  - Not merely “advice” but the truth of good news of salvation
  - Question: What else can I learn about Jesus and grow for my need for Christ?