

## THE KING'S AUTHORITY

--MARK 1:12-20--

### INTRODUCTION:

Mark's gospel as we have already seen is fast paced. Mark continues this rapid pace in today's passage. The word "immediately" that he uses liberally appears three times in the nine verses we will look at today. These nine verses cover three events that take place during the early days of Jesus public ministry. First, Jesus' temptation in the wilderness. Second, the start of His ministry in Galilee. Third, the calling of His first four disciples. Each of these events is covered very quickly, but these three events are put together to provide the details needed to establish Jesus Christ's royal qualifications, these three events show us His royal authority. First, He demonstrates His royal authority over all evil forces by defeating His archenemy Satan. Second, He shows His sovereignty by preaching His kingdom message of salvation from sin. Third, His authority is seen in His command to His servants to follow Him.

#### I. AUTHORITY OVER SATAN (Mark 1:12-13)

- a. Matthew, Mark, and Luke each record Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ right after His baptism.
- b. During the earthly ministry of \_\_\_\_\_ there is a paradox that is visible all the way through to the cross.
- c. Mark tells us that the Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus to go out into the wilderness.
- d. Mark does not come right out and tell us the \_\_\_\_\_ for which Jesus was in the wilderness. (Matthew 4:1)
- e. Just because the Spirit led Jesus Christ to the wilderness where He would be tempted, it is important to understand that \_\_\_\_\_ is never the tempter. (James 1:13; Genesis 3:15))
- f. The Judean \_\_\_\_\_ where it is believed that Jesus was is an arid, inhospitable desert that stretches west from the Dead Sea toward Jerusalem.
- g. Mark only gives us a summary of Jesus time in the wilderness telling us that He was in the wilderness for \_\_\_\_\_ days being tempted by Satan. (Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13)

- h. Matthew and Lukes account of Jesus' temptation imply that Satan's primary assault on Jesus was in His role as the \_\_\_\_\_ Servant.
- i. Jesus Christ, as the Messianic King had to \_\_\_\_\_ over Satan.

#### II. AUTHORITY OVER SIN (Mark 1:14-15)

- a. Mark's concise description of Jesus' temptation is followed by another brief description introducing the \_\_\_\_\_ ministry of Jesus Christ.
- b. Mark records that when Jesus came into Galilee, He came preaching the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- c. Mark uses this term gospel to convey the idea of a royal proclamation of a king and his \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. When Jesus said, "the time is fulfilled..." He meant that His coming, His incarnation marked the \_\_\_\_\_ point of salvation history.
- e. When Jesus spoke of the \_\_\_\_\_ it is important to understand that it exists in three dimensions.
- f. How does a child of Satan, a sinner \_\_\_\_\_ from Satan and enter Christ's kingdom?

#### III. AUTHORITY OVER SINNERS (Mark 1:16-20)

- a. As we come to the third event in this passage, we have seen Jesus Christ display His authority over \_\_\_\_\_ in the wilderness and declare His authority over \_\_\_\_\_ in the gospel.
- b. Mark now shows us that Christ demonstrates His authority in the lives He \_\_\_\_\_ and then delegates that authority to them to empower them for use in His kingdom.
- c. Mark writes in verse 16, "*As He was going along by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting a net in the sea; for they were \_\_\_\_\_.*" (Mark 1:16, NASB95)
- d. He came to them along the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Sea of Galilee, a large freshwater lake in the region of Galilee.
- e. When Jesus saw them from the shore, He \_\_\_\_\_ to them.

- f. Jesus promised that He would make them become fishers of \_\_\_\_\_.
- g. The same scene is basically repeated in verses 19-20 where Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ and empowered two more disciples to follow Him.
- h. This same kind of \_\_\_\_\_ is repeated as Jesus calls the rest of the disciples.

#### CONCLUSION:

The authority and power of the Lord Jesus Christ over sin and Satan is still at work today, it is demonstrated every time a repentant sinner's unredeemed heart is given life and set free from Satan's dominion and sin's power and penalty. When Jesus saves us and delivers us from sin, the King then employs us for His service, He empowers us through His Holy Spirit to be used to advance His kingdom. All of this takes place under the authority of His sovereign right as the divine messianic King. The One who defeated Satan, both in the wilderness and at the cross; the One who declared victory over sin, through the preaching of the gospel; and the One who continually demonstrates His power in the lives of those whom He saves and empowers—He alone is the messianic King, He alone is the Savior and the beloved Son of God. All rule, authority, power, and dominion belong to Him.