

THE KING'S PROOF, POWER, AND PRIORITY

--MARK 1:29-39--

INTRODUCTION:

Our passage this morning takes place on the same Sabbath day as last week's passage. It picks up shortly after Jesus delivered the demon possessed man in the synagogue. This morning, we will witness Jesus' authority and power over the physical effects of sin. These two events in these two passages reveal the supernatural nature of Jesus Christ's sovereign power. Whether in a confrontation with demons or a physical ailment, both flee at Jesus' command. This kind of sovereign power gives us the undeniable proof of Jesus' deity, which supports and confirms Mark's theme that Jesus Christ is the messianic King, the Son of God. Mark continues to give us the evidence that Jesus Christ, the messianic King is the divine, compassionate Son of God. We will see the proof of the King, the power of the King, and the priority of the King.

I. THE PROOF OF THE KING (Mark 1:29-34)

- a. A Sabbath synagogue service usually ended around _____.
- b. 1st Corinthians 9:5 indicates that Peter was _____ and that his wife traveled with him after the Lord's ascension.
- c. Because Simon and Andrew were disciples of Jesus and residents of Capernaum and lived relatively close to the synagogue, it would have been natural to _____ Jesus along with James and John to their home for the noon day meal.
- d. Arriving home Peter learns that his mother-in-law was lying _____ with a fever.
- e. Jesus with compassion and tenderness does what only Peter and his wife had _____. (Luke 4:39; Matthew 8:15)
- f. Earlier that morning in the synagogue He had _____ the unclean spirit, and the demon departed.
- g. Mark makes the comment at the end of verse 31 that she got up and _____ on them.

- h. News of this _____ must have traveled fast because when evening came, when the sun had set signaling the end of the Sabbath the people of Capernaum began bringing to Jesus all who were sick or demon possessed.
- i. Not only was He healing those who had various diseases and making them completely whole, but many came who were _____ possessed and He cast out the demons.
- j. Jesus performed these miraculous healings to confirm the true Gospel, to give undeniable _____ to the fact that He was the messianic King, that He was the Son of God, and that He was the Savior of the world.
- k. To be the Redeemer who would redeem men and women from the devastating effects of _____, Jesus Christ Himself would suffer and die.

II. THE POWER OF THE KING (Mark 1:35)

- a. It was likely that Jesus _____ and cast our demons far into the night.
- b. If you read through the Gospels, you will find several times that it speaks of Jesus going to an isolated place to _____. (Matthew 26:26-36; 27:46; Luke 3:21; 6:12-13; 9:28-29; John 6:11, 15; 11:41-42; 17:1-26)
- c. The prayer life of our Savior was more than just a _____ for the disciples to follow.

III. THE PRIORITY OF THE KING (Mark 1:36-39)

- a. When Simon Peter awoke on Sunday morning, he quickly discovered that _____ was not in the house. (Luke 4:42)
- b. Remember Jesus had come to _____ the gospel of God, the good news of His coming kingdom. (Luke 5:32; 19:10)
- c. Jesus in keeping with the _____ of His mission as the messianic King, decided not to return to Capernaum that day. (Romans 10:13-15)

CONCLUSION:

As I close this morning, I want you to think back over these verses.

Mark stated very clearly and concisely for us three main components of the earthly ministry of Jesus. First, he gave us the proof of Jesus' divine kingship which was His miracles. Second, the King's power came from His prayer life, as He submitted to the Father and depended on the empowering of the Holy Spirit. The third main component was the King's priority to preach the gospel to sinners, so that through Him they might have everlasting life.

As we think about these what can we learn from Jesus' life? First, prayer is important. I often tell you how important it is to read our Bibles, and that is important, but developing a prayer life is important as well. Do you regularly spend time in prayer? Do you take time daily to fellowship with God? Jesus made it a priority in His life, and we should try to be like Him. Second, Jesus prioritized preaching the gospel, and He left us with a mission to make disciples and that requires us to be sharing the gospel. Is this a priority in your life? If it is not, I challenge you to talk to someone about the Lord this week. Maybe you will not get to share the whole gospel, but maybe you can plant a seed that will give you an opportunity at a later time to share the gospel.