

The Lord's Message: Kingship of Jesus: Part 3 King of the Spiritual Realm

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Scripture Reference: Mark 6:1-13

For the past two Sundays, I have made this bold statement that Jesus is King of my life. I am repeating this statement this Sunday, "Jesus is King of my life." I am not making this statement to be audacious. I am making this statement by faith. I hope and pray that if you have not made this statement of faith in your life that you will.

Today, we are wrapping up our three-part message on the Kingship of Jesus by learning Jesus is King of the Spiritual Realm. Let me quickly review the other two messages. The first Sunday, we learned Jesus is King of Creation. Jesus was with God when God was creating the heavens and earth. When Jesus was walking as a human being on this earth, Jesus had power over creation. Jesus displayed this power when in a boat with his disciples, a storm came up on the Sea of Galilee. The disciples were afraid that the boat would be swamped and they would all drown. Jesus, meanwhile, is asleep on a cushion in the stern of the boat. The disciples wake up Jesus. They said to Jesus, "Do you not care about us?" Jesus wakes up and says, "Be still." Immediately, the winds die down. The waters become calm. Jesus rebukes the disciples, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" We learned that we will have storms in our life, but if we have faith, Jesus will walk with us through the storms.

Last Sunday, we learned Jesus is King of Life. We learned Jesus has the power to heal us and/or our loved ones of any illness. Jesus also has the power over death. We heard the true story of an unnamed woman who have been suffering with hemorrhages for 12 years. She was penniless for paying all the doctors to heal her and they could not. She had not been able to be with her family or community all this time, because of the Niddah, the female purity laws. She was thinking that no one cared. Just then, she spots Jesus. She had heard about Jesus being able to cure people of their illnesses. She was able to reach out and touch a strand of tassel from Jesus' robe and immediately she was cured. Jesus sensing that healing had gone out of him, turned around and ask who touch me? The unnamed woman fearing retribution, fell at Jesus' feet and told Jesus her story. Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your illness." This story interrupted another story where Jairus, a highly respected leader of the synagogue, daughter is very ill. Jairus sees Jesus and has faith that Jesus can heal his daughter. Jairus approaches Jesus and tells Jesus his story. Jesus is heading with Jairus to Jairus house when Jesus is approached by the nameless woman. After Jesus healing of the woman, news comes the Jairus daughter is dead. The thought by some is that it is over, no need for Jesus to go to Jairus' home. Jesus goes anyway with only Jairus and three of his disciples, Peter, James and John. The girl is dead, but Jesus

goes into her room with Jairus, her mother and his three disciples. Jesus takes the girl by the hand and tells her to get up. The girl gets up. Jesus then ask to get her something to eat, to prove that she is not a ghost. Jesus is king of life. Jesus can heal every illness. Jesus can even bring people back to life. Jesus is not concern about your status in society, only your faith.

Let us pray.

Before, we can dive into learning about Jesus as King of the Spiritual Realm, we need to believe that there is a Spiritual Realm. I do not need a show of hands, only allow these questions and your answers to penetrate deeply into your heart. Do you believe that Paul is correct when Paul says in **Ephesians 6:12**? Is there a spiritual realm? In this spiritual realm, does angels and demons exist? Does God exist? Does Satan exist?

What if I were to tell you that according to the results of a 2019 Barna survey, that 4 out of 10 American Christians believe that Satan “is not a living being but is a symbol of evil.” If you do not believe that Satan exist, then you do not believe that demons exist. If you do not believe that demons exist, then who did Jesus extract from people when the Bible tells us that Jesus “cast out demons.”

In **Mark 5:1-20**, Jesus meets a man who is living in the cemetery. The reason for this man to be living in the cemetery is because the man is possessed with demons. These demons cause him to howl at the mountains, injure himself by falling against the stones, and being possessed by super-human strength that he can not be chained down. Look at verses 3-5. In verse 7, when the man approaches Jesus, it is the demons who speak to Jesus. Two key points we need to understand. First, the demons recognize Jesus. Second, the demons realize Jesus has authority over them. The demons recognize Jesus not as an ordinary man, but as the Son of God. As the Son of God, the demons know the Jesus has power over them. Jesus is King of the Spiritual Realm. If this is new knowledge to us, then we need to grasp the importance of this truth.

Let us turn to our reference passage of scripture today. Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth. Jesus grew up as a boy in this town after King Herod had died. The family came back to this town after their exile in Egypt. Joseph assume carpentry business. According to this passage of scripture, Jesus work with Joseph as a carpenter and when Joseph died Jesus took over the business. I am making assumption here based on the information that is found in **Mark 6:3**. In this verse, there is no mention of Joseph. We are informed Jesus is a carpenter. Jesus is the son of Mary. We are given the names of Jesus’ brothers and information that Jesus also had sisters. Jesus returns to Nazareth. The people have heard about the miracles Jesus has been doing. News travels Jesus has healed many people of all

kinds of diseases and removal of demons. Instead of rejoicing in this Messiah, they have decided to reject Jesus. Look at verse 2 and the end of verse 3. They believed Jesus, if I may put it in our terms today as a flim-flam deceiver. Their lack of faith caused Jesus not to be able to heal people.

Now, we find out the Jesus as King can transfer His authority over to others. Look at **Mark 6:7**. Jesus sends out His disciples two by two and transfer His authority over to them to heal. Look at the results in verses 12 & 13. Jesus is King of the spiritual realm.

We can answer the question that the citizens of Jesus' hometown asked, "Where does He get his authority?" His authority comes from God. God has given Jesus the authority to be King of creation, life and the spiritual realm. Satan is real, but we do not need to fear Satan or fall into his trap of sin. The reason is that Jesus is king over Satan. Jesus gives us the equipment to overcome Satan temptations. Next Sunday, we are going to learn about the equipment Jesus gives us to overcome the temptations of Satan. Amen.