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| 1The Gospel of Mark:Son of Man As Son of GodMark 1:1-1106/04/23“Make Way For the King”INTRO: -excited with first official Sunday-whole new series on Mark  -10 months give or take  -section by section expository preachingAuthorship of Mark -cousin of Barnabas-mother’s Jerusalem gathering place for early church -John Mark accompanied Paul + Barnabas  -but deserted them in Pamphylia Acts 13:13  -Paul and Barnabas tension parted ways -Barnabas took Mark=Cyprus-Paul took Silas on second missionary journey  | 2Encouraging is Mark was restored and regained trust of Paul  -Col. 4:10-11 “welcome him”  -2 Tim. 4:11 “useful to me” Church tradition=Peter was mentor  -Intimate relationship 1 Pt. 5:13 “my son” Peter knew about failure so he can help Mark through it  -Luke 22:32 “strengthen your brothers”  -Isn’t that amazing? God uses sinful, messed-up,  broken people to advance His purposes  -1 Corinthians 1=God operates like this -This should humble you that despite how clumsy  and foolish you are like Peter or Mark, you are  privileged to partake in advancing the glorious  gospel of Jesus Christ  |
| 3-gospel writers writing unique angle and purpose-John 20:31 “but these have been written so that you may believer that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.”-Matthew=Jewish audience that Jesus is King of Israel and kingdom -Luke-individual Theophilus, orderly account of Christ to know exact truth -somewhat apologetic purpose (defense)  -also fringes of society, outcast -gospel is for everyone no matter Jew or Gentile  -Luke/Acts go together -Mark?  -1:1“The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God”  -purpose=Mark 8:29 Peter’s confession  -purpose=Mark 15:39  | 4-But!...Not Son of God that we think! -Son of God by way of the Son of Man -Son of God not simply=deity  -Son of Man not simply=humanity-“Son of Man” -Second Adam and representative of humanity  -Read Hebrews 2:9-10 -focus on Jesus’ humanity -But has to be God/deity in order to represent us-To be truly godly/god-like is to:  -serve rather than to lord it over others  -suffer harm rather than to inflict harm  -to be powerful is not to be first but to be dead  last -victory is not killing the enemy in front of us  -rather it is killing the real enemy inside of  us…our sin, forces that are unseen  -deny yourselves, take up your cross and follow  Him  |
| 5-dying to self and to our rights and desires to live comfortably-This is a challenge to all of us. In this world we live and breath the air of evolution. This is a brutal world we live in where everyone lives for themselves and their safety and comfort and security-Although his conclusion is absolutely wrong, whether Charles Darwin realized it or not, ironically his observation of the survival of the fittest in the animal kingdom is in someway a correct one in the sense that he sees something terribly wrong in this world. He sees a world that is cursed and plagued with suffering, violence, and death. Mark wants us to see that Son of Man modeled what it means to be a true disciple of Christ perfectly.  -so worthy that he has been given the title “Son of  God”  | 6-Romans 1:4 …“declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness.”  -Acts 13:13 (on the resurrection)“God has fulfilled this promise to our children in that He raised up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, “YOU ARE MY SON; TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU.”-Notice moment of resurrection tied to quotation -Was Jesus ever born at one time? No -Was he at one point “not” the son? -Therefore, it must be a “title” -Jesus was always God  |
| 7-by entering state of humiliation, taking on human flesh and suffering and dying on a cross for our sins, vindicated or proven that He is indeed the Son of God and is worthy of that title-Upside down message  -those who claim to see don’t see  -those closest to Jesus don’t get it and believe -those furthest from Jesus do believe -contrast between “fear and faith” -Don’t fear, but believe  -“amazement” “utterly astonished”  -Proper to be astonished at Christ but must lead  to faith-Audience:  -Non-Jewish audience  -Mark 5:41 “Taking the child by hand, He said to  her, “Talitha kum!” (which translated means,  “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”).  | 8-Jewish customs -Mark 7:3-4  -explains hand washing of Pharisees and Jews -Latin expressions -“centurion” (only Mark uses this, others use lit.  “commander of hundreds” for a centurion) -“praetorium” -“executioner” -Roman time -Mark 6:48 “fourth watch in the night” -Omits Jewish genealogy -Simon of Cyrene Mark 15:21  -father of Rufus, a prominent member of church at  Rome in Rom. 16:13 |
| 9-“Immediately” (41x) + “and” = speed-Markan sandwich to help interpret narrative -Fig tree….temple…fig tree-Miracle worker rather than teacher -raw displays of power -makes sense for Roman audience -however Mark’s message is scandalous -For Greeks it is foolishness  -Marks wants us to reach the point of the Roman  centurion iin Mark 15:39 “truly this was the Son of  God”! -Suffering and death in discipleship is actually life  -those who persevere until the end will receive a  abundant reward in the next life  | 10Read Mark 1:1-13 -Notice no genealogy -But starts with “good news”  -“good news”=euangelion=arrival and triumph of a  king or emperor.  -royal pronouncement of king of kings  -Christ, the anointed one “Son of God”=title but also in nature-Malachi 3:1 and Isaiah 40 -Isaiah’s prophecy immediate + future fulfillment -return to Israel after 70 years in Babylonian  captivity -nation needs to repent and cleanse themselves  for arrival of Messiah  -Mal. 3:1 “Me” to “you”=Jesus is Yahweh in OT |
| 11John the Baptist as messenger and preparer -John’s baptism is only preparatory versus Jesus -cleansing to remove stubborn sins and rebellion-How about you?  -Do you have stubborn sins?  -What hinderances do you have from fully  embracing Christ as Lord over your life?  -Are you making way for the Lord?  -Are you making straight the places in your heart  that have gone crooked?-John’s clothing was itself a rebuke  -Not trying to get people to be ascetic/hermit -Read Luke 7:25-28 -Not bridegroom but friend of bridegroomThen John said a shocking statement! -“After me one is coming -Created a whole new category! | 12we don’t see significance because of socks and closed toe shoes-ancient world feet was dirtiest part of body-First “Immediately” -Jesus’ baptism=indwelling of the Spirit -Why did Jesus need baptism?  1. To obey the Father (to fulfill all righteousness) 2. To identify with sinners -Sinless, undefiled, spotless, pure-Baptism is critical because we get ultimate authentication from Father and Spirit  -It is the crowning of Jesus Mark 11:28 |
| 13-Trinity here, every act is a Triune act -The God-man is crowned He will accomplish redemption on behalf of humanity CONCLUSION: -As a citizen, you must bow your knee to king UNBELIEVER: You must submit and bow the knee to the Lord. Submission is not bad, we submit to people in higher authority. We submit to our parents, and we must submit to God because we are a train wreck. To live autonomously and for ourselves will incur spiritual death. That is why Scripture says we are like sheep without a shepherd. Utterly incapable of saving ourselves. -Eternal Consequences is hell | 14BELIEVER: For those of you who haven’t bowed the knee to Christ  -Be in awe of this awesome king  -Have the attitude of John not fit to untie… -Complete devotion and allegiance to Christ  -Continual repentance and obedience -Kneel back down  -Affections and worship |