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| 1  Mark 1:12-28  06/11/23  “The Son of God’s Authority Over Demons and Men”  INTRO:  There can only be one king…  Many kings who have deluded themselves  -King Nebuchadnezzar  -Read Daniel 4:28-33  BODY:  “Jesus’ Authority Over Satan”  Mark wastes no time no time to catch our breath  -Jesus’ authority and kingship to the test  -Verses 12-13 Son of God + Son of Man  -Hebrews: “tempted in all points as we are, yet  without sin.”  -Most exalted one and most humiliated one  Jesus’ quick victory over temptation (Matt. more detailed) | 2  -Notice Jesus in wilderness w/ “wild beasts”  -“wild beasts”=utter isolation and desolation  -Many of you hunt…if you see a bear then you are  pretty far from civilization  Jesus contrasted with Adam!  -Original=constantly bombarded by temptation  -Second Adam came to reverse what first Adam  did  Hebrews 4:15  “We do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”  -Let that be a comfort to you  -Weight room illustration |
| 3  Full forces of hell on Jesus  -Jesus withstood all phases of temptation  -Jesus absolutely understands the temptation!  -Draw near to the throne of grace!  -He is delighted to help his children  -Dirt road for trucks with no brakes, there is no  escape without it  1 Jn 3:8  He came to “destroy the works of the devil”  Hebrews 2:14-15  “through death He came to render powerless him who had the power of death, that is the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.”  -Jesus’ authority vindicated through passing test | 4  TRANS: We see the Son of God display His authority over Satan, what about His authority over men? Let’s look at verse 14  -John fades away and Jesus shines  -Jesus fulfillment of all OT prophecy  -Galatians 4:4  “but when the fullness of the time came, God sent  forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the  Law, so that He might redeem those who were  under the Law, that we might receive the adoption  as sons.”  -Chronos vs Kairos  -Perfect season, epoch, era  -John 12:27  Jesus fortelling his death said, “Now my soul has  become troubled; and what shall I say, ‘Father save  Me from this hour? But for this purpose I came to  this hour.” |
| 5  -Came to bring His promised Kingdom to Israel  -Traced all the way back to Genesis 12  “At hand”=imminent  -As the king, Christ selects His kingdom representatives  -Read verse 18 “immediately they left their nets  and followed Him.  -Not an invitation but a command  -They left everything  -James and John in verse 20 leaving father  -Amazing authority  -How about you? Would you leave everything?  -Luke 9:62  “Anyone who puts their hand to the plow and  then looks back is not fit for the kingdom of  God.”  -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, even his own life,  he cannot be My disciple.”  7  TRANS: We see the Son of God’s authority over Satan, we see His authority over men and their lives, we now see His authority  -Immediately Jesus goes into synagogue  -First “amazed”  -better translated “astonished”  -Why “amazed”  -Teaching with “authority” not like Scribes  -Jesus explained Scripture as self-authenticating and self-authoritative Word of God.  -Incarnate Word explaining written Word of God!  Greatest preacher preaching the greatest sermons anyone has ever heard.  -Piercing, pure, nothing can be hidden  “For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.” | 6  -For someone to claim what Jesus claim would only leave us with three options. Good teachers don’t make claims like that.  “Patronizing nonsense that Jesus is a good moral teacher”  -Devil of hell  -lunatic  -Lord  Obviously James and John didn’t hate father.  -But Jesus must be pre-eminent in your life. Your  love and devotion to Jesus must have no  competition, no rivalry  -Because God created you, He has every right to claim ownership over your lives and to dictate how you are to live. You don’t get to decide how you run your life. Only God can and does.  -2 Corinthians 5:14  “For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.”  8  -And oh did it pierce and expose the demon hiding in the synagogue  -masquerading under false religion  -Shrieked in rage and horror and terror  -only a matter of time  -demon possession always there (Gen. 6:1-2) but  unprecedented in Jesus’ time  -too holy, too pure, too righteous, too glorious…  -Jesus casts it out with a word  -crowds “amazed” again  -“utterly astonished”  -different word than “amazed” only 3 times in NT  and in Mark |
| 9  -Undeniable proof of Jesus’ origin and identity as Son of God  -Yet crowds failed to believe.  -They were literally struck out of one’s self  -Irony: demons can’t believe but knew who Jesus  was.  Crowds didn’t believe because they didn’t know  who Jesus was.  Unfortunately most people do not believe in Jesus  -Admire, respect, or even are astonished    Unbeliever: You might be in category of the unbelieving crowd, maybe even amazed and astonished at this miracle worker  -Not enough to be amazed or astonished. You must believe in Him as Lord and Savior  -Repent and believe in the gospel.  -Not an invitation but a command to obey Him as  King  The King is coming again to establish His kingdom and judge the earth.  -kingdom of darkness into lake of fire. | 10  God may smite you into a beast like he did to king Nebuchadnezzar. God is a holy and just God and He has to punish sin.  -But this judge is also a compassionate Savior.  -He will save you from your sins, he will transfer  you from the kingdom of darkness into the  kingdom of life if you will acknowledge His Son  Jesus Christ, the rightful heir to the cosmos.  -He will remove your sins away as far as the east is  from the west and will take away death’s sting. He  will give you eternal life in Him.  Although God brought Nebuchadnezzar to the level of a irrational beast, let’s see the ending to His story.  Read Daniel 4:34-37  -Nebuchadnezzar was restored. God has mercy on him,  He realized that his kingship and dominion was given to him by God  -now instead of Nebuchadnezzar giving glory to himself, He is giving glory to Jesus instead of himself, and He continue to give glory to Jesus in heaven.  Turn to Him today, cry out for pardon from the king. |