

The King & His Kingdom

Mark 1-16

<u>Overview</u>

I. Jesus is the King

- The King is a man
- The King is God
- The King is Compassionate & Merciful
- The King is Love

II. The Kingdom reflects the King

- Jesus came preaching a Kingdom (Mk 1.14-15)
- His miracles reflected that Kingdom: Perfect/Restored to the "very good" (Gen. 1.31)
- You enter the Kingdom by Repentance & Faith in the work of the King: (Mk 1.14-15, 10.17-27, etc.)
- One lives as a resident of the Kingdom in the here and now, awaiting the restoration of all things by a life of service:
 - o Mark 8.27-36: This is what the King did...He laid down His life for service others (Mk 10.45)
 - Mark 8.34 & 9.33-37: Servants must be last of all, servants of all picturing their King
- We do this out of a responsive act of worship towards others
- We serve out of delight for our King, not by works to gain access
- In this way we picture the Kingdom

<u>Questions</u>

Discussion Starter: What are the "Kings" our society teaches us will cause us to live "happily ever after" if only we could get them? Option 2: Share things you have learned through the study of Mark

- 1. Describe the kind of King that would leave his throne and step into commonality though he did not have to. How does this encourage you in the day to day?
- 2. Some would say that God stepping into humanity is not consistent with the Divine, and therefore Jesus could not have been God, how would you answer that question?
- 3. Why was it important that Jesus be both God and man?
- 4. How does the King display the greatest love in Mark?
- 5. What did the King come to do?
- 6. Why would God be interested in establishing a "Kingdom?"
- 7. Why must the Kingdom be entered into by repentance and faith and not by works? How is this different than every other religion?
- 8. What are some practical things we can do to illustrate the Kingdom?
- 9. What is the "king" you believe will give you the "happily ever after" that isn't King Jesus and His Gospel?