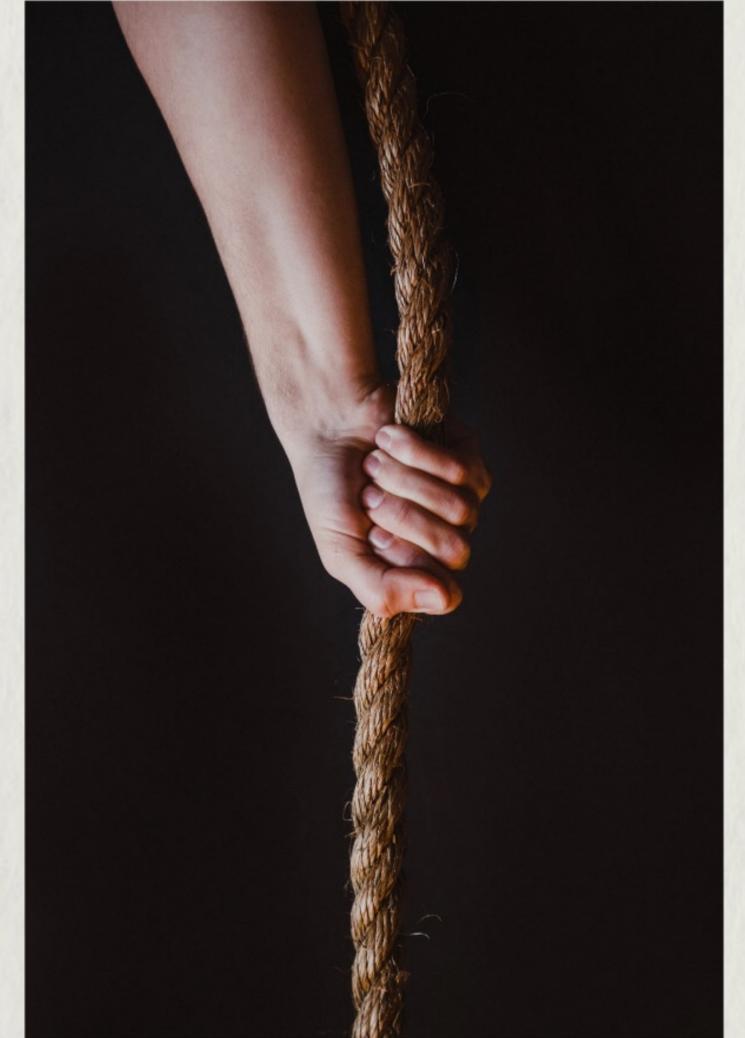


02 THE KING'S AUTHORITY
TO FORGIVE SINS

A STUDY OF
Mark



The Gospel of Mark

God's king
and kingdom
are arriving in Jesus

Mark 1:1, 14-15 *niv*

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God...

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

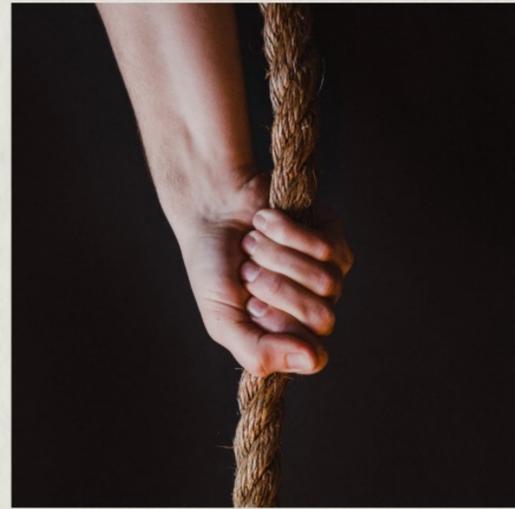


This is not just any official announcement; this good news concerns Jesus, who bears the title “Christ,” which is the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew title “Messiah.” Moreover, this Christ is “the Son of God,” an explicit assertion of His deity. The good news isn’t a mystery to be unraveled.

The good news isn’t a philosophy to comprehend, a perspective to adopt, or a set of life principles to apply. The good news is a person. He is the long-awaited Messiah, God in human flesh, whose name is Jesus.

Charles R. Swindoll, Swindoll’s New Testament Commentary, Volume 2: Mark





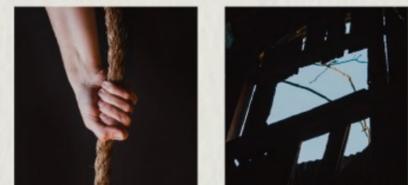
The authority of King Jesus
The responses to King Jesus
Practices for followers of King Jesus



***What does King
Jesus do with his
authority?
sees faith***

Mark 2:1-5 *niv*

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. ² They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. ³ Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴ Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”



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Mark 2:6-8 *niv*

Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves,

⁷ “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

⁸ Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things?”



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forgives sins

Mark 2:9-12 *niv*

Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’? ¹⁰ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the man, ¹¹ “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” ¹² He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”



Why is Jesus forgiving sin?

A robust
theology
of sin

Sin distorts, deforms, and destroys what God has said is “good.”

“Sin is believing the lie that you are self-created, self-dependent and self-sustained.”

- Augustine

“Sin is not only the violation of the divine law but a disturbance of the natural order, a distortion of what we were created to be.”

- Calvin

Sin reveals our greatest need.



Sin reveals our greatest need. A Savior.

“If God had perceived that our greatest need was economic, he would have sent an economist. If he had perceived that our greatest need was entertainment, he would have sent us a comedian or an artist. If God had perceived that our greatest need was political stability, he would have sent us a politician. If he had perceived that our greatest need was health, he would have sent us a doctor. But he perceived that our greatest need involved our sin, our alienation from him, our profound rebellion, our death; and he sent us a Savior.”

D.A Carson, A Call to Spiritual Reformation



What does King Jesus do with his authority?

sees faith
knows hearts
forgives sins
invites sinners

Mark 2:15-17 niv

While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶ When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹⁷ On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. **I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.**"



"The good news is that in Christ, all our sin - past, present, and future - has been atoned for. Therefore, the purpose of addressing sin should never be to corner heavy-laden people with further evidence of their moral failures...

What should make us most uncomfortable about sin is not only our failures but how loose God is in his table invitations. Can we really be that loved and desired at the depths of our failures? Sin is an opportunity to be loved abundantly."

Jay Stringer, *Unwanted: How Sexual Brokenness Reveals Our Way to Healing*





**Jesus
has authority
to forgive sins.**



The Responses to King Jesus

Crowd

gathering to
hear/see
Jesus

Faithful

bringing others
to encounter
Jesus

Paralyzed

wanting to be
healed by
Jesus

Religious

questioning the
claims of
Jesus

Sinners

enjoying time
being with
Jesus



***How is the Holy
Spirit
inviting you to
respond?***

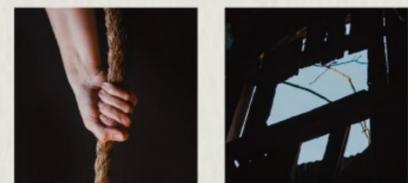
Practices for
followers of
King Jesus

**Repent and believe the gospel
turn from sin, receive grace, and follow the King**

**Practice the presence of God
enjoy being with the King**

**Pray for others to know Christ
bring others before the King**

**Share meals and the gospel in relationships
be a friend who invites others to follow the King**





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**Jesus has authority to
forgive sins.**

**“Lord Jesus Christ, Son of
God,
have mercy on me, a sinner”**

