

MARK Series #12: The Way of the King **Mark10:1-52**

Intro

Last week looked at the Example of the King and saw how Jesus showed the disciples he would lay his life down. This week we will continue to see what that means for his followers. We must be willing to give up our lives and rights for the sake of others.

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I. The Way of the King is demonstrated by sacrifice. **(10:1-12)**

E -- Jesus back in Jewish territory. Pharisees interrupt teaching to test him. Ask if it is “lawful.” Jesus in dangerous place b/c John the B. was killed b/c stance on Herod’s love life. (Divorce, remarriage to his brother’s wife while brother still living [acc. to Josephus].

vs. 3 Jesus defers to Moses and asks question

vs. 4 Ph. retort that Moses “allowed” divorce (Duet. 24:1-4) b/c of “indecent.” School of Shammai thought meant adultery. House of Hillel thought if she ruined his dinner!

vs. 5 Jesus says Moses ALLOWED b/c hardness of heart! (we live in sinful world)

vs. 7-9 Jesus appeals to Moses writing in Genesis (Gn. 2:24) and to the created order (the standard)

vs. 11 commits adultery against her! (Mt. 19 only stipulation is if she commits adultery!)

vs. 12 -- probably b/c Greeks did this!

I -- Phil 2:4-8

A -- Divorce ALWAYS violates God’s design for human marriage. In relationships, we are to seek to sacrifice for the good of the other person and the relationship!

t/x: Not only by sacrifice, but by self-denial

II. The Way of His King is demonstrated by self-denial. **(10:13-31)**

E -- Disciples try to stop children from coming to Jesus. He does NOT like that and let’s them know it.

vs. 14 says the KOG belongs to “such as these.” Children NOT very well accepted and thought of. Jesus raises their status and also uses as example meaning those who are trusting and RECEIVE it well. Just don’t worry about trying to DO things to GET things usually.

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E -- man kneels before Jesus (real honor), calls him “good” and Jesus wants to make sure he knows who he is talking to. Yet, he asks what he can DO to “inherit” eternal life.

vv 18-19 Jesus checks his devotion to the 2nd half of commandments (to people) and one from the 1st half (parents)

v 20 Rich man says he’s good. [“guarded” Torah]

v 21 Jesus LOVES him and tells him to give up his security and strivings.

v 22 He cannot do that

v 23-27 Jesus explains how riches can be such an idol they can keep one from letting go and receiving the kingdom. [Camel through eye of needle]

v 26 WHO can be saved? (wealth = blessings!)

v 28 Peter tries to justify what the disc. have done.

v 31 Last shall be first!

A -- Are you one who trusts in yourself, your grades, your position, your power, etc? Or, are you relating to God as a child--realizing your NEED and DEPENDANCE on him! The way of the King is to deny you can do it alone!

t/x: Jesus teaches the twelve again

E -- This time Jesus gives specifics about the cross and tells they are going to Jerusalem!

III. The Way of His King is demonstrated through service. (10:35-52)

E -- James and John (inner circle of Jesus and relatives) now wanting to be in Jesus' political party!

vs. 36 -- they ask for positions

vs. 38-39 Jesus tells them the way of leadership is full of difficulty and suffering!

vs. 41 -- the ten indignant (more jealousy)

vs. 42 the pagans do leadership differently! (coercive)

vs. 43 want to be great? diakonos!

vs. 44 be first? slave! doulos!

vs. 45 Jesus came to serve and give his life as a ransom for many! for = gk "in place of" Is. 53:12

I -- Jesus serves the blind man by asking "What do you want me to do for you?" vs. 51. He shows the disciples He is not too important to pass this needy man up, but SERVES him!

I -- Serving at Monte Vista to show the Gospel!

A -- We must be willing to serve others and put ourselves in a lesser place to love them and help them. Pride is an issue, though! How is your service?

Concl.

Jesus is calling us to think of ourselves less (not less of ourselves) and think more about others! Sacrificed for another? Served another? We are to BE, DO and TELL the GOSPEL!

NEXT Week -- The Judgment of the King

Announcements:

1. Bring 2 to Easter!
2. Annie Armstrong Offering
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