

THE AUTHORITY OF THE KING (Mark 1:12-20)

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TEXT—Mark 1:12-20

MAIN IDEA—Christ is the King of Heaven and earth, displaying authority over Satan, sin, and sinful people.

MEMORY VERSES—Phil. 2:8-11

CHRIST'S AUTHORITY OVER SATAN (Mark 1:12-13)—Following his baptism by John, the Holy Spirit immediately sends Christ into the wilderness to be tested. Though God tempts no one with sin (**James 1:13**), he certainly allowed Satan to tempt Christ proving Christ's authority over Satan.

1 Jn. 3:8

Col. 1:16

Matt. 4:1-11

*Christ defeated Satan every step of the way with the WORD. He's our chief example. The Word is also how we defeat the temptations of the enemy (**Eph. 6:17**).

Ps. 119:11; 1 Cor. 10:13

1 Jn. 4:4; Jas. 4:7

CHRIST'S AUTHORITY OVER SIN (Mark 1:14-15)—Following the arrest of John the Baptist, the Lord Jesus Christ began his ministry to the people of Galilee. He preached the Gospel and summoned men to experience the reign of His kingdom in their lives.

1 Cor. 15:3-6; Rom. 1:16-17

Warren Wiresbe (1929-2019)—The gospel is called 'the gospel of God' because it comes from God and brings us to God. It is 'the gospel of the kingdom' because faith in the Savior brings you into His kingdom. It is the 'gospel of Jesus Christ' because He is the heart of it; without

His life, death, and resurrection, there would be no good news. Paul called it ‘the gospel of the grace of God’ (Acts 20:24) because there can be no salvation apart from grace (Eph. 2:8-9). There is only one gospel (Gal. 1:1-9), and it centers in what Jesus Christ did for us on the cross (1 Cor. 15:1-11).

**The kingdom of God* is the present rule of Christ in the hearts of His people (Lk. 17:21); and His future rule to come (Rev. 20:6).

*Sin is defeated (Rom. 6:11, 140. *Righteousness, Peace, and Joy are present (Rom. 14:17-18).

*The Holy Spirit leads believers in Killing sin and loving Christ (Rom. 8:13-14).

CHRIST’S AUTHORITY OVER

SINNERS (Mark 1:16-20)—Christ shows his rule over individuals by calling them out of sin and into salvation.

*The Gospel call is the call that goes out to all men calling them to come to Christ turning from sin and trusting in Him alone for salvation (Mk. 1:15).

*The Effectual Call is the lifegiving call of God to His elect that overcomes all resistance empowering the sinner to repent of sin and believe on Christ for salvation (Jn. 10:27-28; Jn. 15:16).

Acts 2:38-40

Acts 2:41

*The call to follow Christ is also the Call to discipleship (i.e. surrendering one’s life to Christ as a student and worshipper of Jesus Christ).

Luke 9:23-24