THE GOSPEL OF MARK: STRAIGHT TALK ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

9, The New Covenant Christian Gospel is the God Ordained Means for the Transcendent Power of the Kingdom of Heaven to be made Immanent in the Earth, Part 9A

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Introduction: Expounding the Gospel of Mark as straight talk about Jesus Christ, each chapter has a theme relating to the unequivocal claims of Jesus and the Scripture witness to the Christian Gospel of the New Covenant identifying the coming of the Kingdom of God/Heaven:

- **1:1-11,** The Gospel Beginning: Jesus Christ being uniquely (the) Son of God is the source of the gospel,
- 1:14-20, The Gospel Claims this World for the Kingdom of God,
- 1:12-13, The Gospel Campaign: Jesus' assault mission against the world, the flesh, and the devil,
- 2, As the Gospel source being uniquely (the) Son of God, Jesus Christ the Son of Man has authority on earth,
- **3,** As the Gospel source being uniquely (the) Son of God, Jesus Christ creates the New Covenant family of God by a supernatural salvation,
- **4,** As the Gospel source being uniquely (the) Son of God, Jesus Christ is LORD, i.e. Mediator of the Mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven, & Creator, i.e. Uncreated God,
- **5,** As the Gospel source being uniquely (the) Son of God, Jesus Christ is LORD over the living and the dead even between this [natural] world and the other [supernatural] world.
- **6,** The Gospel conflict in this sinful world is against unbelief, disbelief, false belief, and weak belief, but saving faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the victory that overcomes the world.
- **7,** The Gospel purifies from the corruption of external man-made religious traditions of self-righteous rules and rituals clarifying the internal transformation of the soul by saving faith: self-righteousness by law-works vs God's righteousness by grace-faith.
- **8,** The Gospel Paradox in this sin-fallen world demands faith in Divine providence integral to the salvation of the world, progressive revelation recorded in Holy Scripture, predictive prophecy terminating in Christ's New Covenant Gospel, and promised gospel consummation to the glory of God.

- 9, The New Covenant Christian Gospel is the God ordained means for the transcendent power of the Kingdom of God/Heaven to be made immanent in the earth, i.e. the supernatural power and presence of the Triune God personally knowable.
- **vv. 1-8,** The Transfiguration of Jesus as Christ the Son of God dramatically displays the transcendent and immanent Divine being who empowers the Kingdom of God/Heaven on earth...
- **vv. 9-13,** The Transfiguration of Jesus as Christ the Son of God gives a covenantal pledge previewing theological resurrection as more than someone returning from the dead...
- **vv. 14-29,** The Transfiguration of Jesus as Christ the Son of God revealing the transcendent and immanent Divine power in the Kingdom of God/Heaven informs all confrontations with the world, the flesh, and the devil past, present, and future...
- **vv. 30-37,** By the Transfiguration of Jesus as Christ the Son of God, the Christian Gospel inverts and overpowers the world's power structures and struggles in terms of the Kingdom of God/Heaven...
- **vv. 38-50,** The Transfiguration of Jesus as Christ the Son of God empowers Christian believers in the Kingdom of God/Heaven by supernatural transformation in Christlikeness as living sacrifices having Gospel peace...

"For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our LORD Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: 'This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.'" (2 Peter 1:16-17)