

THE GOSPEL OF MARK: STRAIGHT TALK ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

6, As the Gospel source being uniquely (the) Son of God, Jesus Christ is LORD Over the Living and the Dead Even Between this World and the Other World, Part 6A

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Introduction: Have you heard of the three Rs as the pillars of common sense education? These 3 Rs--Reading, [w]Riting, and [a]Rithmetic—make up an ironic phoneme with a surprisingly long standing history. The phrase is cited from a speech by Sir William Curtis in 1795 and referenced again in *The Lady's Magazine* from 1818, but most surprising is a passage in Augustine's Confessions (A.D. 397-401).

More importantly there are three Rs that are doctrinally essential to the Gospel of Jesus Christ—Redemption, Regeneration, and Resurrection. The Gospel of Mark giving straight talk about Jesus Christ establishes and illustrates these three doctrines identified in the person and work of the One who is uniquely Son of God and Son of Man:

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.

Chapter 6, The Gospel conflict in this sinful world against unbelief, disbelief, false belief, and weak belief, but saving faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the victory that overcomes the world.

vv. 1-6, Unbelief as expresses by common rejections...

vv. 7-13, Disbelief over the message of repentance, conversion , and judgment...

vv. 14-29, False belief by religious superstitions and unbiblical interpretive traditions...

vv. 30-52, Weak belief from not keeping Christ-centered Scripture testimonies and teachings...

vv. 53-56, Saving faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ that overcomes the world...

Mark continues in chapter 6 with stories from the life and ministry of Jesus Christ while also keeping the main theme of His person and work as the source of the Gospel tied together by repeated words and actions from previous chapters like weaving a tapestry of the Redemption story

[a sanctified exercise would be to study back from chapter 1 and following these recurring words and themes]:

- Human responses of being astonished, marveled, greatly amazed (vv. 2, 6, 51)...
- Jesus' Divine authority to commission and command His 12 Apostles authorizing them with His teaching and preaching (vv. 7-8, 12, 30, 39, 43, 50)...
- Recording eyewitness accounts expressed by immediacy of action and mood of urgency even from unbelievers (vv. 25, 27, 45, 50, 54)...
- The two natures of the uncreated Divine and uncorrupted human of One Lord Jesus Christ revealed by holy compassion (vv. 31, 34, 41, 54)...
- Jesus' identification as "I Am" over the natural world of the wind and sea (vv. 45-51)...
- Recurring crowds of people bringing the infirmed on beds to Jesus and the sick begging to touch the hem of His garment (vv. 54-56//2:1-12; 5:25-34)...

Straight talk about Jesus Christ from the Scripture record confirms the source of the good news to be the One accomplishing God's way of redemption, effecting supernatural regeneration in this natural world, and commanding the message of resurrection-life through saving faith in Jesus Christ who is uniquely (the) Son of God.