

THE CARING SOVEREIGN

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TEXT

Mark 1:29–34

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INTRODUCTION

[My greatest comfort in life and in death is] that I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. —**Heidelberg Catechism**, answer to question #1

Isaiah 40:10–11

[10] Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;

behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

[11] He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;

he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

REVIEW

Jesus, the Son of God

- John the Baptist: “[8] I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”
- God the Father: “[11] This is my beloved Son.”
- A demon: “[24] You are the Holy one of God.”

Jesus displays his authority as the Son of God through his teaching, through his power over demons (the supernatural realm), and through his power over disease (the natural realm).

JESUS' PERSONAL LOVE (vs. 29-31)

Jesus demonstrates he cares for those who are his by coming to help in time of need.

Psalm 46:1

[1] God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

1 Timothy 6:16—“[God] alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light...”

The Caring Sovereign (cont...)

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Mark 2:17—“It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Luke 19:10—“[10] For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

We need Jesus in order to know we need Jesus.

“**diakonos**” = **deacon, servant**

Matthew 4:23—And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

Matthew 8:17—This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: “He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.”

The only right response to being served by God is to serve like God.

The goal of the Christian sanctification: That we would learn from God to be like God.

Mark 10:45—For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

1 John 3:2—Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

The purpose of Christ hospitality is the furtherance of the gospel.

“Those who live out radically ordinary hospitality see their homes not as theirs at all but as God's gift to use for the furtherance of his kingdom.” -**Rosaria Butterfield**, *The Gospel Comes with a House Key*

JESUS' PERSEVERING LOVE (vs. 32-34)

Jesus didn't pursue a life of comfort, but a life of purpose.

Jesus knows our greatest need—the forgiveness of our sins.

1 Peter 3:18—For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit...

Christ in his sovereignty gave up his life so your sins could be forgiven, and you could be reconciled to God.