Sermon Notes and Daily Devotional First Congregational Church of Woodstock Pastor Doug Warren February 25, 2024

### Mark's Gospel—Jesus' True Identity Reveals the Magnitude of His Sacrifice

10:30 Morning Worship Service:

Mark 1:21-28

# **The Authoritative Word of God**

King Jesus Is the Holy One of God Who Has Come with All Authority.

1. Jesus Teaches with Astonishing Authority (21-22).

2. The Holy One of God Has Come to Judge the Earth (23-26).

#### 3. King Jesus Is Reclaiming His Kingdom from Satan (27-28).

Conclusion: Jesus is the King of more than we can see. He brings all authority with Him as *the Christ*. His Kingdom, unlike the mere fiefdoms of this world, has authority over the natural and supernatural realms. Mark shows us that Jesus is the long-awaited Holy One of God. There is no greater comfort to those in Christ and no greater terror for those rebelling against Him.

### Isaiah 55:1-5

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live;

and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,

and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

# Matthew 12:22-30

<sup>22</sup> Then a *demon-oppressed man* who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw. <sup>23</sup> And all *the people were amazed*, and said, "*Can this be the Son of David*?" <sup>24</sup> But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons." <sup>25</sup> Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. <sup>26</sup> And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? <sup>27</sup> And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. <sup>28</sup> But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>29</sup> Or how can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house. <sup>30</sup> Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

# Colossians 2:8-15

<sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to *the elemental spirits of the world*, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have been filled in him, *who is the head of all rule and authority*. <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup> having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> by *canceling the record of debt* that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> *He disarmed the rulers and authorities* and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.