

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

10:30 Morning Worship Service:

Mark 2:1-12

Restoring a Kingdom of Active Faith

Jesus Is the Promised Son of Man Who Has Come to Restore His Kingdom.

- 1. He is Restoring His Kingdom both Spiritually and Physically (1-12).**
- 2. Contrasting Kingdoms: Friends v. Scribes (3-7).**
- 3. The Ancient of Days Gives the Son of Man Dominion (Daniel 7:9-14).**
- 4. His Restored Kingdom Is Characterized by Faith in Community (12).**

Conclusion: These four friends loved relentlessly as demonstrated through their actions. Jesus saw that their love was grounded in faith and rejoiced. The scribes on the other hand sat in judgment and disbelief. As we have been wrestling with Jesus' true identity, Mark adds here another level. Jesus is the Son of Man. He is authorized by the Ancient of Days to rule and reign over all the earth both physically and spiritually to bring glory to God. Do you know Him as Sovereign? Are you living out that faith through love for others?

Daniel 7:9-14

“As I looked, thrones were placed, & *the Ancient of Days* took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, & the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire.

A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

“I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

“I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a **son of man**, and he came to *the Ancient of Days* and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Isaiah 43:25

“I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will *not* remember your sins.”

First John 1:8-10

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

First Kings 8:33-36

When your people Israel are defeated before the enemy because *they have sinned against you*, and if they turn again to you and acknowledge your name and pray and plead with you in this house, ³⁴ then hear in heaven and *forgive the sin of your people* Israel and bring them again to the land that you gave to their fathers. ³⁵ “When heaven is shut up and there is no rain because *they have sinned against you*, if they pray toward this place and acknowledge your name and turn from their sin, when you afflict them, ³⁶ then hear in heaven *and forgive the sin of your servants*, your people Israel, when you teach them the good way in which they should walk, and grant rain upon your land, which you have given to your people as an inheritance.