

THE GOSPEL OF MARK: STRAIGHT TALK ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

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, Part 8A

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Introduction: With the growth of historic Christianity there has developed a Christian cultural nomenclature from Biblical literacy expressed by ideas, terms, vocabulary, phrases, etc., e.g. Wikipedia—A Glossary of Christianity A-Z.

The Gospel of Mark chapter 8 can be summarized by several received and established references from the historic Christian lexicon:

*Sin-fallen world...

*Divine providence (integral to the salvation of the world)...

*progressive revelation of Holy Scripture...

*predictive prophecy terminating in Christ's New Covenant Gospel...

*promised gospel consummation to the glory of God...

However these references mean more than a shared educated knowledge, as Mark 8 brings them together in the context of Jesus' public ministry and teaching challenging Christian believers that the Gospel paradox in this sin-fallen world always demands Biblically defined faith.

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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 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.

vv. 1-10, Jesus' miraculous feeding of the 4,000 people in gentile territory further demonstrates God's providence integral to the salvation of the world...

vv. 11-26, Jesus' healing a blind man in 2 stages provides another gospel object lesson about the need to understand the progressive revelation of Scripture in order to avoid the spread of false-teaching...

vv. 27-33, Jesus' commending Peter's Christocentric confession and consequently rebuking Peter's confusion from satanic influence establishes the gospel hermeneutic (i.e. interpretive method) of predictive prophecy terminating in Christ's New Covenant fulfillment...

vv. 34-38, Jesus' promised gospel consummation to the glory of God is a gospel paradox only resolved by Biblical faith...