

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

9:30 Morning Worship Service:

Mark 6:14-29

### **Contrasting Kings**

*Jesus Is the King of Resurrection Hope.*

**1. Herod Was a Wanna-Be King, with Little Power.**

**2. Jesus Is a Different Kind of King All Together.**

**3. What Kind of King Do You Believe Jesus to Be?**

Conclusion: Herod was a poor excuse for a king, but then again, so are all earthly kings compared to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. In this passage Mark goes to great length to show Herod's incompetence as a ruler. He couldn't even rule Himself. Herod's inability reveals Jesus' power in sharp contrast. How are you trusting Christ's sovereign power? How can we together honor Him as King?

## Acts 4:23-31

<sup>23</sup> When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. <sup>24</sup> And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “**Sovereign Lord**, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, <sup>25</sup> who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit,

“Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain?

<sup>26</sup> The *kings of the earth* set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, *against the Lord and against his Anointed*—

<sup>27</sup> for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, <sup>28</sup> to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. <sup>29</sup> And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, <sup>30</sup> while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” <sup>31</sup> And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

## First Timothy 6:11-16

<sup>11</sup> But as for you, *O man of God*, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> *Fight the good fight of the faith*. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, <sup>14</sup> to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of *our Lord Jesus Christ*, <sup>15</sup> which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, *the King of kings and Lord of lords*, <sup>16</sup> who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

## Mark 10:13-16

<sup>13</sup> And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup> Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” <sup>16</sup> And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

## Luke 11:30-33

<sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”