



I AM NOT THE KING. JESUS IS.

Scripture: Mark 6:10:1-31
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Mark 10 confronts us with a truth that reaches into every area of life: I am not the king. Jesus is. Following Him means submitting to God's design, receiving His kingdom as a gift, and surrendering anything that competes for His place in our lives.

I don't decide what's good, because I am not the king. Jesus is.

So I Must Submit to God's Design (Mark 10:1-12).

Don't begin with what God permits, but what God intended.

- They want to know, "When can we get out?" Jesus takes them back to Genesis and essentially asks, "Do you understand what you're getting into?"
- Don't start with the concession, start with the creation.
- God established marriage before cultures or courts existed.
- Culture didn't invent it, so culture doesn't get to redefine.

The greatest threat to marriage isn't incompatibility, it's often our hardness of heart.

- Hard hearts stop listening, forgiving, pursuing. They keep score, and start treating a covenant like a contract.
- If you have a hard heart towards anyone start by asking God for a soft heart and then begin living in ways that show proactive love towards them.

Protect what God has joined together.

- Don't wait until a marriage is dying to fight for it.
- Invest in it now. Forgive now. Talk now. Pray together now. Get help now.

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I don't earn my place in God's kingdom, because I am not the king. Jesus is.

So I Must Receive God's Kingdom (13-16).

Never hinder someone Jesus wants to welcome.

- We can hinder kids by not being an example of seeking Christ at home.
- We can hinder kids by prioritizing other things more than God (sports, grades, hobbies).
- We can hinder kids by failing to provide a way for them to go to church and for students to go to youth group midweek.
- We can hinder kids by not signing up to serve in C-Kids or Youth when there is a great need.

Serve on a Team

The kingdom must be received, not achieved.

- Children will receive and do not feel they have to earn stuff like gifts, food, or their room.
- Jesus is saying that's how you enter God's kingdom: receive it by faith.
- John 1:12

I don't ultimately own what I have, because I am not the king. Jesus is.

So I Must Surrender Whatever Rivals Jesus (17-31).

Being good can't make us good enough.

- His question reveals his approach: *What must I do?*
- The Law should show us that we are sinners (Romans 3:20)

Jesus loves us enough to expose what owns us.

- Don't miss the order: Jesus looked, loved then confronts.
- This man loved money more than following Jesus.

Following Jesus eventually requires letting go.

- The danger of idols is that they promise happiness, but ultimately make us sad.
- Jesus offered him treasure in heaven, but He chose treasure here on earth.

Salvation isn't difficult, it's impossible without God.

- The disciples finally ask the right question: "*Who then can be saved?*" Jesus doesn't say: try harder, but trust in God!
- Salvation isn't something we do, it is something God does for us.
- Ephesians 2:8-9

Did You Place Your Trust in Jesus?



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