

*God sent us a King to serve us and save us.*

**1. God Presented the Servant.**

**Mark 1-7**

- a. John baptized Christ, Satan tempted Him, and He began giving miracles and healing (1).
- b. Opposition grew over sinners, Jewish traditions, His Holy Spirit and parables (2-4).
- c. Opposition grew over His miracles (5), at His hometown (6), and His popularity (6-7).

*“And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, ‘Son, your sins are forgiven.’ Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ‘Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?’ And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, ‘Why do you question these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk?’ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins’— he said to the paralytic— ‘I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.’ And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, ‘We never saw anything like this!’” Mark 2:5-12*

**2. The Servant Instructed His Disciples.**

**Mark 8-10**

- a. Peter confessed his belief and Christ outlined the costs of discipleship (8).
- b. Jesus was transfigured, God spoke. He freed a boy of a demon and foretold His death (9).
- c. He taught the disciples with stories, and prepared them for the crucifixion (10).

*“And Jesus called them to him and said to them, ‘You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many,’” Mark 10:42-45*

**3. The Servant was Rejected, Crucified and Resurrected.**

**Mark 11-16**

- a. Christ entered Jerusalem for Passover, cursed the fig tree and cleansed the Temple (11).
- b. Christ discussed authority, taxes, resurrection, tribulation, and Second Coming (12-13).
- c. He was targeted, betrayed, tried, beaten, mocked, killed, buried and resurrected (14-16).

*“On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. And he said to it, ‘May no one ever eat fruit from you again.’”...“As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. And Peter remembered and said to him, ‘Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered.’ And his disciples heard it. And Jesus answered them, ‘Have faith in God. Truly, I say to you, whoever ... does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours,’” Mark 11:12-14 ... 20-24*

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