

Dead Center

Mark 8:34-35

- I) What does it look like to follow Jesus?
 - a. This is not such an easy question to answer.
 - i. Did Judas follow Jesus or the religious leaders?
 - ii. Did Jesus turn people away?
- II) How does Mark's Gospel help us to follow Jesus?
 - a. Mark does not try to create a formulation for following Jesus
 - b. Mark does show us what it looked like for his earthly followers
 - c. Mark recounts what Jesus says about following Him
- III) Who is following Jesus?
 - a. Whosoever/Who He calls
 - i. Sinners
 - ii. The sick/demon possessed
 - iii. 'Little ones'/childlike
 - iv. 'Mine'
 - v. Leaders/those in authority
 - vi. The crowd
- IV) Who is it that we are following?
 - a. The Messiah (King of the Jews, Lord of Creation, God)

b. A friend/One who desires us/heals us

c. The only One worth following

- V) Can I follow Jesus?
 - a. All who turn towards Him

b. All who believe and trust in Him

c. All who desire to put Him first in life

- VI) You CAN follow Jesus!!!
 - a. But I'm only human
 - i. To such belongs the Kingdom of God

THE KINGDOM

Mark 1:11 – The King's Father
Mark 1:14-15 – The Kingdom of God
Mark 1:16-18 – The Kingdom call
Mark 2:17 – The Kingdom people
Mark 2:27-28 – The Kingdom rest
Mark 4:27-28 – A Kingdom parable
Mark 4:39-40 – Kingdom protection
Mark 5:18-19 –
The Kingdom missionary
Mark 6:12-13 –
The Kingdom disciples as missionaries
Mark 6:42-43 – Kingdom abundance
Mark 6:48b-51 – Kingdom power
Mark 7:8 – Kingdom reset/restoration
Mark 7:34 – Kingdom clarity
Mark 8:29-30 – The King
Mark 8:34-35 – Dead center

THE KING

Mark 9:7 – The King's Father
Mark 9:28 – The King's power
Mark 9:30-31 – The King's mission
Mark 9:42 – The King's central concern
Mark 10:14-15 – The King's people
Mark 10:51-52 – The King's clarity
Mark 11:9-10 – The King's Royal Ascent
Mark 12:6-8 –
The King's Royal treatment
Mark 12:35-37 – The King's lineage
Mark 13:35-36 – The King's return
Mark 14:8 – The King's anointing
Mark 14:22-25 – The King's meal
Mark 15:17 – The King's coronation
Mark 15:37-39 – The King's Throne
Mark 15:46 – The King's robe
Mark 16:6-7 –
The King's vindication/life/rule