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(The Real Jesus Series) Jesus as King, Mark 8:27-28

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Democracy is only temporary because Scripture reveals that we are made for a king and His Kingdom. The Gospel of *Mark 1-8* centers on the question "Who is Jesus?" Although many Jews thought Jesus was a good man, a prophet, a moral teacher, the Bible shows that He was so much more. In *Mark 8*, we see **Jesus as King**:

1. The Promised King (Mark 8:27-29)

Jesus fulfilled the promises of the entire Old Testament, providing peace, salvation, and redemption for the Jews (*Zach.9:9-11*). In the New Testament, He is the Messiah, the anointed king, saving all people from their sins (*Matt. 1:21, Mark 1:1, Mark 8:29*).

2. The Suffering King (Mark 8:30-31)

In all four Gospels, Jesus was rejected, suffered and killed (as prophesied in *Isaiah 53:3*). On earth, the "Son of man came to serve..and to give His life as a ransom for many" (*Mark 10:45*).

3. The Victorious King (Mark 8:30-31)

Christ's eternal kingdom was established, as prophesied, with glory and dominion (*Daniel 7*) with His resurrection from the dead (*Mark 8:30,31*).

What does it mean to follow Jesus as King?

1. Surrender to Him (Mark 8:34)

We must acknowledge our sin and confess it to Jesus.

2. Obey Him (Mark 8:34)

Once we turn our lives over to Jesus, we must be willing and ready to obey His commands out of love and trust for Him. Grace covers our failures, motivates, and compels us to obey.

3. Boast in Him (Mark 8:35-38)

Confidence, boasting, to others is the opposite of being ashamed. If you lose your life (yourself) to boast in the Gospel, you will actually save your life.

As citizens of Christ's kingdom, may we follow Jesus as king to fulfill our deepest need of forgiveness. May we embrace the abundant life our king offers, receive the daily strengthening of His Spirit, and spread the Gospel to others.

Discussion Questions:

1. Is Jesus king in our own lives? Why is it so hard to acknowledge Him as king?
2. Is forgiveness really our greatest need? Explain why or why not.
3. What does it mean to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow him? (*Mark 8:35*) Can self actually deny self?
4. Do we have the real Jesus of Scripture in our hearts or an image that was created by ourselves and our culture?
5. If Scripture has shown us that the real Jesus is a man, a deity, a teacher, a judge, a king, why do we hesitate to share this with others?