

Title: Mark - The Lion

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Text: Mark 1:1-15

Response: Communion

Benediction: Matt 25:34

- Review

- Series is “4 Gospels, 1 Christ” We are looking at the historic symbols associated with the four evangelists (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John).S

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Intro: Mark 1:1-15 Kingdom Inauguration

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Kingdom Inauguration (Mark 1:1-3)

King's Authority (early Galilean ministry)

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- Authority over the spiritual 1:21-27 “even authority over....”
- Authority over the physical. 1:40 “I am willing”
- Authority over sin 2:5 “Which is easier?”
- “This is my son 1:10-11

The King's Identity: (Later Galilean ministry)

- Kingdom parables 4:30-34
- “Isn't this Mary's Son?” 6:3
- “who are you?” 4:41
- “what do you want with me?” 5:6-8 (I know who you are 1:24)

The King's Bearing Gentile and Judean ministry)

- “Even the dogs” 7:27-30 shrewd & good
- “The Kingdom belongs to” 10:13-16 possessive
- “if I am?! 10:23 indignant
- “You are the Messiah” 8:29

The King of the Jews:

- vineyard 12:1-9 “Owner's Beloved Son”
- Chief Priest 14:62 “Christ, Blessed of God”

- Not about Mark - running naked Mark 14:51-52
- Pilate 15:2 “King of the Jews”
- Centurion 15:39 “Son of God”

Application:

- Mark ends his gospel with the same abruptness with which it began
 - “the King is still on the move”
 - Still confronting the world
- Be careful how you hear 4:15-17
- (Christ must die) “follow me” carry your cross 8:31-37
- Come to the Kings feast 14:22-25

Communion Mark 14:22-25

Benediction Matt 25:34