

## **God's Servant Calls**

### **Mark 3:13-35**

**Main Idea: Jesus is Lord. Period. Exclamation point!**

**Jesus Possesses Divine Authority to . . .**

#### **1. Call people to serve Him**

Truth: Jesus is not only an all-powerful Lord, but He is also a completely WORTHY Lord. Jesus possesses all the qualities in infinite measure that make a King worthy of His authority . . . love, generosity, righteousness, wisdom, goodness, and justice are all complete in Him. No other King is like our King.

Application: Jesus has the right to appoint us to His service without consulting us.

Two key questions to ask when we serve the Lord Jesus:

1. Has Jesus called me to a specific place of service in His church?
2. Is the Lord Jesus worthy?

Truth: Jesus' calling into His service is not a life-diminishing burden. Jesus' calling into His service is a life-enriching act of grace.

#### **2. To conquer the kingdom of darkness.**

*"We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one."*  
(1 John 5:19 [ESV](#))

Truth: A word from Jesus' mouth completely disables the whole demonic realm.

*"The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil."* (1 John 3:8 [ESV](#))

*"Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."* (1 John 4:4 [ESV](#))

Seven Key Ideas about Jesus' Lordship over Satan:

1. Satan is real.
2. Satan opposes God's Messiah.
3. Satan accuses good of being evil.
4. Jesus reminds us of the devastation that comes to any house that is divided.
5. Jesus sees those do not submit to Him as enslaved in Satan's house.

6. Jesus is infinitely stronger than Satan.
7. Jesus plunders Satan's house.

Truth: Satan's kingdom is not falling apart because of internal division. Satan's house is being invaded by the Messiah. Jesus liberates people out of Satan's house by His power as Lord.

Truth: The devil is strong, but Jesus is infinitely stronger. Jesus is the ultimate strong man. If you trust in Jesus as your Lord and Savior, He plunders Satan's house and rescues you from his grip.

### **3. To clarify the judgment of God.**

*... the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:7-9 [ESV](#))*

*For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father . . . Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. (John 5:22-27 [ESV](#))*

*"Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him." (Isaiah 30:18 [ESV](#))*

### **4. To change relational loyalties.**

*"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." (Matthew 10:34-37 [ESV](#))*

Truth: Followers of Jesus do not allow our love for our family to keep us from worshipping Jesus as Lord. Jesus always has first place in our hearts.

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