

Tokens Of The Kingdom

Gospel of Mark

“Frontline spiritual warfare is the most visible sign that kingdom of God is here”

Rob's sermon, last week

¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10

three primary tokens in *Mark*

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Mark 4:35 – Mark 5:43 details our three-point plan blueprint for an effective kingdom offensive

1) the expulsion of demons

:: *Nature* ::

³⁹He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

Mark 4:39

:: *Institutions (religious & secular)* ::

¹⁵On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple area and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves,

Mark 11:15-17

:: *Institutions (religious & secular)* ::

¹⁵"Be careful," Jesus warned them. "Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod."

Mark 8:15

:: *People* ::

²⁵"Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" ²⁶The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

Mark 1:25-26

2) healing the sick

²¹When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. ²² Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came there. Seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet

Mark 5:21-24

²³and pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." ²⁴So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him.

Mark 5:21-24

¹⁷"It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Mark 2:17

²⁵And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. ²⁶She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse.

Mark 5:25-34

²⁷When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed."
²⁹Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

Mark 5:25-34

³⁰At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹"You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, "Who touched me?'"

Mark 5:25-34

³²But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. ³³Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

Mark 5:25-34

The inbreaking of God's kingdom produces faith in the poor, the sick, the demonized and the dying

3) raising the dead

When Jesus is on the way, He is never too late!

³⁵While Jesus was still speaking, some men came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher any more?" ³⁶Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid; just believe."

Mark 5:35-43

³⁷He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the home of the synagogue ruler, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. ³⁹He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep."

Mark 5:35-43

⁴⁰But they laughed at him. After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (which means, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!").

Mark 5:35-43

⁴²Immediately the girl stood up and walked around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. ⁴³He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Mark 5:35-43

“death and Hades [will be] thrown into the lake of fire”

Revelation 20:14

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