



The Call of the Kingdom; the Testimony of John Mark from his Gospel

“The Confrontation of Jesus’ message to His People”

“The people who made up my congregation had plenty of problems and more than enough inadequacies, but congregation is not *defined* by its collective problems. Congregation is a company of people who are defined by their creation in the image of God, living *souls*, whether they know it or not. They are not problems to be fixed, but mysteries to be honored and revered.”

— Eugene H. Peterson, *The Pastor*

“I am trying here to prevent anyone from saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: ‘I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept his claim to be God.’ That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic— on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg— or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come up with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”

— C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

He said to them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

— Acts 1:7-8

order of worship

prelude

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: and also with you

call to worship from Psalm 34:1-3

Leader:

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

song of praise

King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

welcome & update

prayer for the world, the church & the city

goodbye to the Wikkerink family

confession

O Lord, we confess that we are prone to walking in darkness, For we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways, We have rebelled against your wisdom and have invited trouble, We have rejected your love and have gotten lost altogether. Forgive us, not because of our own righteousness, But because of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

private confession

assurance of pardon: Psalm 9:9-10

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

song of assurance

Lord have Mercy

Jesus I've forgotten
The words that You have spoken
Promises that burned within my heart
Have now grown dim
With a doubting heart I follow
The paths of earthly wisdom
Forgive me for my unbelief
Renew the fire again

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on me
Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on me

I have built an altar
Where I've worshipped things of man
I have taken journeys

That have drawn me far from You
Now I am returning
To Your mercies ever flowing
Pardon my transgressions
Help me love You again

I have longed to know You
And all Your tender mercies
Like a river of forgiveness
Ever flowing without end
So I bow my heart before You
In the goodness of Your presence
Your grace forever shining
Like a beacon in the night

tithes and offerings

doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

scripture reading : Mark 3:1-30

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

God's Word Today Jon Fung

Sermon: "The Confrontation of Jesus' message to His People"

sermon outline:

1. Pharisees, crowd, disciples, scribes from Jerusalem, family
2. Jesus' frustration at "the People of God"
3. Confronted by Jesus' Kingdom message
4. The Church needs to get Jesus right... The Twelve? Really?!

song of thanksgiving

Dwell

Though a thousand may fall at my side
Though the enemy war against me
I will not fear the terror by night
I will hide in the shadow of Your wings

I will dwell in the shelter of the Most High God
I will rest in the beauty of Your presence
Your faithfulness is a shield and my great reward
I will not be afraid
I will trust in the Lord

You have set me securely on high
You deliver me out of darkness
And when evil surrounds my life
You commanded Your angels to guard me

I will dwell in the shelter of the Most High God
I will rest in the beauty of Your presence
Your faithfulness is a shield and my great reward
I will not be afraid
I will trust in the Lord

No weapon formed against me will prosper
No weapon formed against me will prosper
No weapon formed against me will prosper
Says the Lord

Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen

Peace

Minister: The Peace of the Lord be with you all
People: And also with you

Tithes up to January 29, 2021

Yearly Budget	\$tba
Budget Year to Date	\$tba
Actual Giving Year to Date	\$26,520
Actual Giving Last Week	\$4,660

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Upward

'A worshipping people' - **Upward**

Worship: we come together corporately to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ

The Word: we submit ourselves to the Bible as our rule for faith and life

Generosity: having received from divine generosity, we overflow with generosity to the world



Inward

'transformed by the peace of God in Christ,' - **Inward**

Sacramental Life: our participation in the sacraments of bread and wine flowing into our everyday lives

The Holy Spirit: living by the Spirit, we use His gifts to build the church and bless Vancouver

Prayerful Presence: we intercede for our homes, neighbourhoods and networks, for God to do His work



Outward

'seeking to be faithful stewards of the Kingdom.' - **Outward**

Covenantal Commitments: we covenant with one another to uphold, support and love one another.

Priestly Work: we see all of life as calling (as "vocation")

Proclamation: we proclaim the Cross of Christ as the accomplishment of God's Kingdom for the world