

Mark 15:43-52
“The Upside Down Kingdom”

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Gospel of Mark

Introduction: The Uniqueness of Golf

I. The Earthly Kingdom Strategy

In our Bible story we see that Judas and Jesus are playing different _____ with an entirely different set of _____. So, Jesus is not losing here. He isn't even keeping the same kind of _____. Judas and the chief priests come with a _____ of _____ and believe that this is how they will win. Jesus asks Judas about this strategy, “Am I leading a rebellion that you have come with swords and clubs to capture me?”

Matthew 26:52-53 “All who fight by the sword will die by the sword. Don't you think I can call on my Father and He will put at my disposal 12 legions of angels?”

II. The Kingdom of God Strategy

- Mark 10:43 “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them ... not so with you! Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.”

1) Mark 5 – Jairus and the “unclean woman”

One's _____ does not have the same kind of value in God's kingdom. There is no _____ with God.

2) Mark 10 – A Rich Young Ruler

We saw that _____ does not have value in God's kingdom. Instead, it is following Jesus.

3) Mark 12 – Pharisees and Herodians

_____ does not have value in God's kingdom. Rather it is about _____.

III. Fighting the Wrong Ways

There is a growing _____ against Christianity. The ways of our world are in _____ with the ways of God's kingdom.

-However, what I also see happening is that many Christians are trying to score points in the _____ _____. I'm afraid that we often want to use the same _____ and the same tools as the world does.

-Like Peter, we are pulling out our swords to fight back.... But, if we fight with the sword, we will die by the sword. And that is a reason why the _____ is in _____.

- Christians will _____ by playing a different game altogether. We win by using the rules and values of God's kingdom that we see in Jesus.

- The secret of being content? - Paul is not controlled by _____, comfort, _____ or authority anymore. He can take it or leave it.

Response Cards: I confess that I am putting too much importance on _____.

IV. Finding Our Forgiveness

v. 52-53 Mark is inserting himself into the story.

After Easter, Jesus' very first words to this group of failures was “Peace be with you.” Through the forgiveness of Jesus, Mark and Peter were able to _____ from their biggest mistakes and so can we.

Conclusion: The Beatitudes