

Binding the Strong Man

March 17, 2024 Message Notes

Mark 3:27

Have you ever thought of Jesus as an outlaw – one whose intention is to invade a strong man's house and clean it out?



NOTES

Mark shows us who Jesus is and shares the good news He brings to our troubled world.

The gospel of Jesus Christ: Son of God, Mark 1:1 Fulfiller of Prophecy, Mark 1:2

"Prepare the way of the Lord." Mark 1:2

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"The time has come. The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news." Mark 1:15

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Spirit-anointed Father-blessed Son, Mark 1:10 Tested Tempted Confronter of Satan, Mark 1:13 Kingdom of God Introducer, Mark 1:15 Life-Fulfiller, Mark 1:17

"Follow me and I will send you out to fish for people." Mark 1:17

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"He drove out many demons, but wouldn't let them speak because they knew who he was." Mark 1:34

"When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.'" Mark 2:5



The gospel of Jesus Christ, Son of God: Forgiver of Sin, Mark 2:10

"Who can forgive sins but God alone?" Mark 2:7

"It's not the healthy who need a doctor but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." Mark 2:17

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"No one can enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can rob his house." Mark 3:27 NLT



In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve are made for authority - image-bearers of Almighty Creator God – and are given dominion in and over the earth.

"Let us make man in Our image, after Our likeness and let them have dominion..." Genesis 1:26 NKJV

"You have made human beings rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet." Psalm 8:6

What happened?

- They abused their freedom, believed Satan's lie and followed his lead.
- They lost their freedom and the moral authority to their domain.
- Satan now had dominion.

"Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey?" Romans 6:16 NLT

The government of the earth had been given to a man; it was lost by a man; it could only be recovered by a man.



Where was the man who could legally recover what had been lost?

"When the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship." Galatians 4:4-5

Jesus is sinless and therefore Satan has no claim upon him.

"...The devil...showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 'All this I will give you,' he said, 'if you will bow down and worship me.'" Matthew 4:8

Jesus overcomes the temptation by doing what Adam and Eve didn't – what we don't - by trusting God's Word and aligning his life to it.

One stronger than the strong man is in the house, tying him up and taking back that which was lost and stolen.



On the cross, the man stronger than the strong man has triumphed. Satan's power is vanquished.

Now the choice for freedom in Christ is ours.

Don't, in conscious and deliberate choice, reject the saving power and grace of God in Jesus Christ.

"I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them."

Mark 3:28

"Whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin." Mark 3:29

The sin of not desiring forgiveness.

Why does this matter?

- We are already compromised. We can't save ourselves.
- The god of this age has deceived and blinded us, misled the whole world into the same rebellion he committed.



He does it in the gradual hardening of heart against
God by believing our will is better for us than God's.

The Bible never tells us to fear the devil; we are to fear God. Revere, esteem, respect and listen to God.

Turn away from the lie. Let Christ in your house. Let him restore dominion. Get your rooms back - the space that you've given to the devil.

"Here I am! I'm standing at the door and knocking. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in..."

Revelation 3:20