

**Part 3 – November 29, 2009**

**Mark 1:14 – 3:12**

**Continuing the portrait**

- Looking at general & particulars
  
- Verse 14 is about one year to a year and a half after verse 13 (chapters 2-4 of John “fill in” the gap).

**Verses 14-15**

- *What aspect of Christ (sovereign, saving, steady, satisfied) is Mark highlighting?*

## The Sovereign Christ

### 1. Jesus is the King who sovereignly calls people into His Kingdom

#### (1:14-20)

- Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom as the Sovereign Lord who commands & calls His people to repentance and belief (v. 14-15)
  - The Kingdom of God = God's rule over His people
  - Entrance into the Kingdom is by repenting and believing in Christ the King
- The King calls/summons/commands His followers (v. 16-20)
- The King teaches and acts with authority (v. 21-22)

### 2. Jesus is the King who rules over evil forces

#### (1:23-28)

- Coming King & a clash of kingdoms
- The demonic forces are subject to His authority
  - They obey Him
  - They fear Him

### **3. Jesus is the King exercising authority over sickness**

**(1:29-34; 40-45)**

- The King moves against the effects of the fall
- Jesus applies the rule of God through healing
  - Jesus heals many (v. 29-34)
  - Jesus cleanses the leper (v. 40-45)

### **4. Jesus establishing His rule through humility (joy-filled obedience)**

**(1:35-39)**

- Jesus is “God’s Kind of King” (**Phil. 2:5-11**)
- God’s Kind of King produces God’s Kind of People

### **5. Jesus is the King who alone has the right to forgive sins**


**(2:1-12)**


- Lordship manifested in forgiveness, proven by healing


## The Steady Christ

### (2:13-3:12)

- Opposition to Jesus' rightful claim of lordship
- What is the portrait of Christ?
  - Not upset, frustrated, bewildered
  - Not anxious, fearful, angry
  - He is steady
- Jesus encourages the antagonism because He is creating a venue to display His sovereign steadiness in opposition

 *"Why do you eat with tax collectors and sinners?" (2:15-17)*

 *"Why don't you fast?" (2:18-22)*

 *"Why do you break the Sabbath?" (2:23-3:6)*

## A Summary Portrait

### (3:7-12)