

the gospel of
MARK

Salvation and Divine Providence

Mark 4:10-13; Isaiah 6:9-10

Who is this Jesus? **KING** over all!

- Nature, disease: (1:31, 34, 41; 2:12; 3:5)
- Demons, Satan (1:25, 34; 3:11, 27)
- OT Law, Sabbath (2:18, 28; 3:4)
- Sin, Forgiveness (2:5; 3:28; 4:20, 26-29)
- Salvation, Discipleship (2:17; 3:14-15)

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- 4:9-13 “lest they should turn and be forgiven”
- 1. God and only God initiates salvation in the hearts of dead, unregenerate people.
 - Eze. 37:1-14
 - Eph. 2:1-5
 - 1 Pe. 2:8-9

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- 4:9-13 “lest they should turn and be forgiven”
- 2. God initiates salvation for some, not all.
 - Ex. 33:19
 - John 1:12
 - Rom. 3:5-6

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- 4:9-13 “lest they should turn and be forgiven”
- 3. God ordains some for destruction.
 - Deut. 29:4
 - Matt. 13:12
 - 2 Th. 2:10-12
 - Prov. 16:4
 - Rom. 9:17-23
 - 1 Pe. 2:7-8

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- v. 9 *“...ears to hear...”*
 - NOT insight, cleverness or intention
 - ONLY the God-given faith to discern
- v. 11 *“...the secret of the kingdom of God...”*
 - NOT discerned by men, logic or tasks
 - Understanding ONLY given by God

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- v. 11 *“...those on the outside...”*
 - There will be those who are not saved
 - We do not, cannot and are not to know who
- v. 12 *“...lest they should turn and be forgiven...”*
 - Isaiah 6 and context
 - An ever-present openness for all to repent?

Implications and Applications

- 1. Have you repented of your rebellion towards God? What keeps you from bowing your knees to Christ as King over all?
- 2. Which parts of God's Divine Providence in Salvation are most difficult for you to embrace? Can you make a SCRIPTURAL argument on behalf of your belief?