

The Gospel of the King

When Worlds Collide

⁷ And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— ⁹ but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰ And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹ And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³ And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

- **Mark 6:7-13** (ESV)

The **first missionary excursion** of the disciples:

Their mission was marked by

_____ - “... take nothing for their journey except a staff ... wear sandals and not put on two tunics ...”

_____ - “... no bread, no bag, no money in their belts ...”

_____ - “... if any place will not receive you ... shake off the dust that is on your feet...”

_____ - “... as a testimony against them ...”

Their 3 primary activities:

Preach _____ (v. 12)

Cast out _____ (v. 13)

_____ the sick (v. 13)

What do all of these activities point to?

“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel” (Mark 1:15).

“... if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you ...” (Matthew 12:28)

“And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and affliction” (Matthew 9:35)

Excursus: The tragic demise of the best of men (Mark 6:17-29)

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus’ name had become known. Some said, “John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him.” ¹⁵ But others said, “He is Elijah.” And others said, “He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.”

- **Mark 6:14-16** (ESV)

Something of this mission of the disciples immediately triggered Herod.

What was it?

¹⁷ For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

- **Mark 6:17-20** (ESV)

The **Collision:** Sin and the call for _____!

Repentance is the _____ we all must walk from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light.

Repentance, together with _____, is essential for the forgiveness of sins. (Luke 24:47; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 5:31; 11:18).

The first response to the call to repent is often _____*

How we respond _____ is critical!

My response:

The tragic conclusion: Mark 6:21-29 (ESV)

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