



## Take 5 minutes to Glorify God

### Though the Battle Rages, He's In Charge

February 21st, 2008

Mark 1:38, 39 He (Jesus) answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Mark 3:4 Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent.

Mark 3:6 The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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John Mark clearly demonstrates and contrasts the missions and purposes of Jesus versus the religious rulers who apposed Him. Jesus said he came to save life. The religious rulers were silent and demonstrated their heart by their actions. They went out to kill.

Mark's Gospel tells his reader that the battle lines are drawn. But Mark encourages the readers under persecution in Rome (and us today) that they can trust Jesus in spite of what they might see or feel. He encourages them by reminding them (and us) over and over that though the battle rages, despite the appearance at any given moment, Jesus has authority over the natural, the supernatural, men (followers, rulers and antagonists), evil (satan and demons), nature (sickness), religion (synagogue etiquette, holy showbread), the Law, and traditions (Sabbath, fasting). And he encourages the saints by reminding them that it is Jesus' heart and desire to save and not do harm.

Lord Jesus, we pray for ourselves and for our brothers and sisters, that we would know Your power and authority over all creation. And that we would know that You came to save. Save us Lord, save our brothers and sisters, Your will be done, In Your Mighty Name, amen.

You can hear the full message (Mark 1:14-3:6) at:  
[http://ibobs.org/mp3/CCRSM/Men3rdWk/20080216\\_DA\\_Mark1.mp3](http://ibobs.org/mp3/CCRSM/Men3rdWk/20080216_DA_Mark1.mp3)