January 15, 2017 (Week 15) **Divisions and Principles**

The Studies of the Book of Daniel and the Gospel of Mark

"The Authority of the Son of God"

Mark 1:21 - 2:12

Division 1: Jesus Authority Revealed.
Mark 1:21-35

(Additional passages: 1 Kings 2:4; Daniel 9:24-27; John 1)

The Confession of Chalcedon provides a clear statement on the human and divine nature of Christ:

We, then, following the holy Fathers, all with one consent, teach people to confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in manhood; truly God and truly man, of a reasonable [rational] soul and body; consubstantial [co-essential] with the Father according to the Godhead, and consubstantial with us according to the Manhood; in all things like unto us, without sin; begotten before all ages of the Father according to the Godhead, and in these latter days, for us and for our salvation, born of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, according to the Manhood; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, only begotten, to be acknowledged in two natures, inconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably; the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather the property of each nature being preserved, and concurring in one Person and one Subsistence, not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son, and only begotten God, the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ; as the prophets from the beginning [have declared] concerning Him, and the Lord Jesus Christ Himself has taught us, and the Creed of the holy Fathers has handed down to us.

***Principle #1**: Jesus Christ, fully God and fully man teaches with authority proclaiming the Kingdom of God is at hand, and demonstrates he is the king who has authority over the spiritual world and the mortal world.*

Division 2: Jesus Authority to fulfill the Law of Moses.
Mark 1:40-45

(Additional Passage: Numbers 8:10-12; 1 Corinthians 11:28-30; Leviticus 13:45-46; Numbers 5:2-3; Leviticus 14)

Principle #2*: Jesus demonstrates he has come to fulfill the Law of Moses because he is able to do what only God can do, make what the law declares unclean clean.*

Division 3: Jesus has the authority to forgive sins.
Mark 2:1-12

(Additional Passage: Matthew 17:20; John 9:1-2; Leviticus 24:16; Isaiah 33:22; Isaiah 33:24; Micah 7:18; Hebrews 11:16; John 9:32-34)

Principle #3*: The Kingdom of Heaven is manifested in Jesus power over the spiritual world, the mortal world, the law, and sin itself, but it is present only in the lives of those who have been saved from sin by faith and belief in Jesus, the Son of God.*

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