The Gospel According to Mark

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"The Disciple's Ministry Prep, Pt. 4; Jesus' Sovereignty and Ministry Success"

INTRO: *Jesus has one more lesson for the Twelve prior to their mission.* I. Jesus is sovereign over the realm, the _____ realm, and over ____ and ____. This has been demonstrated in previous episodes during travel. Jesus' _____ could lead His disciples to hold II. _____ expectations of ministry _____. Despite His primer on evangelism (4:1-34), if Jesus is sovereign, shouldn't ministry success be a guaranteed "slam dunk"? III. To enjoy true ministry success, be _____ obedient and _____ God for results; Jesus will sovereignly _____ all whom the Father gives Him **(6:1-6).** There are three things that will <u>NOT</u> guarantee ministry success, but only one that will; submission to God's plan (Ephesians 1:3-5; John 6:37; Romans 1:28-30). Α. Winsome reasoning or rhetoric are ineffective (1 Cor. 2:1-5). **B.** Signs are condemned by Jesus (Matt. 12:39; 1 Cor. 1:20-25). C. Those who know us "best," are often resistant to our testimony.