

and found that controlling kingship doesn't solve all your problems by any means. They found that it is ~~not~~ one thing to have the authority, and another thing to get things done, and they got an awful lot done, more than any other nation of ancient times, ~~and~~ but they found it far short of what they would like to accomplish, and they needed to find <sup>a servant</sup> ~~someone~~ who would help them to do the things they wanted done, and Mark then is the story of a servant. You are looking for a servant, for one who can solve your problems, for the one who ~~has~~ has the power to do what is needed. Here is the one. Here is Jesus Christ the perfect servant. He started not with the thing that in the end they would get, that overturns their present attitude, he started with their need, and He brought them their need. He showed them the solution to their need in the Lord Jesus Christ, and then after they had the solution of their need, and fell in love with Christ, it was very easy to go the next step and say here is the king, the one who will take over the authority. The tact of the Holy Spirit. And we need it. God is not calling for people to occupy positions, people to do a certain kind of activity because that is what they like to do, people even who are going to glorify Him by learning exactly what His truth is, and telling other people about it, He is not calling for them. God is calling for ~~the~~ people who will have the attitude of the Lord Jesus Christ, the attitude of compassion for the multitudes that are as sheep without a shepherd, and to have that attitude to quite the extent that they will be willing to work and ~~to~~ study, and get the Hebrew, and get the Greek, and <sup>master</sup> ~~master~~ these things, and master the public speaking, not in order to get a mark, not in order to win degrees, not in order to accomplish this as an end in itself, but as a means to use for carrying out the will of the Lord Jesus Christ, and for shepherding His sheep. Peter, I am sure was very much impressed with the Lord's words which John tells us about. I have always been thrilled to read the words that Peter himself says over in I Peter 2, he speaks "For ye were as sheep going astray, but are now returned to the shepherd and bishop of your souls," and then over in the 5th chapter he says in 5:1, "the elders which are among