**Homeletical Outline: [What, Why, How]**

**Theological Proposition:** The proper response to Jesus is recognition of His deity, which is characterized by a desire to follow Him and faith that allows Him to teach and act outside of our expectations.

**Sermon Purpose:** That my fellow PM104 students will live lives characteristic of those who have the deity of Christ embedded deeply into their lives.

**Homiletical Proposition:** Live lives characteristic of those who have the deity of Christ in focus!

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. (Image) . . . Professional Qualifications ignored and absurd actions that follow:

Me driving “you” home from DTS – crazy driving, disregarding policeman

2. (Need) . . . We need the (worship and) authority of God that the proper perspective of Christ demands from us. We can’t live life questioning His instructions and make a difference in the world…it only leads to absurd actions and missed opportunities.

3. (Subject) . . . What it means to treat Jesus as the Son of God, not just as friend, teacher, or even Savior…

4. (Text) . . . After establishing Jesus’ deity in the first chapter of his gospel, Mark characterizes the difference between those who see Jesus as a man and those who follow Jesus as the Son of God in five absurd encounters with the religious leaders of His day. These encounters are found in Mark 2:1-3:6. [stress the absurdity of these stories]

5. (Preview) . . . In our analysis of the periscopes in this section of Mark, we will consider what authority Jesus claims, why it matters whether we treat Jesus as the Son of God, and how we might act in a manner that is consistent with Jesus’ authority as the Son of God. (what, why, and how)

**BODY:**

1. What authority does Jesus claim in Mark 2?
   1. Establishment of Jesus identity in Chapter 1
      1. Introductory verse
      2. God’s (the Father) endorsement
      3. Jesus actions: teaching, healing, exorcism
   2. Jesus declaration & the crowds response in verses 5-7
   3. Other titles used in chapter 2:
      1. The Bridegroom
      2. The Lord of the Sabbath
   4. Conclusion: Jesus claims the authority of God
2. Why does it matter whether we treat Jesus as the Son of God?
   1. The centrality of the responses in Mark 2:1-3:6
   2. Contrasts in the Pericope:
      1. The scribes reject Jesus – leading to confusion, judgmental attitudes, hardheartedness, and violent opposition
      2. The crowd praises God
      3. The four men do all they can to get the paralytic to Jesus for healing
      4. The tax collections and sinners follow Jesus
   3. Conclusions from the text:
      1. Friends vs. Enemies
      2. Understanding vs. Confusion
      3. Joy and Intimacy vs. Legalistic Distance
   4. Real Life Examples & Principles of acting without recognizing authority:
      1. Speeding person ignoring Police – (judgment)
      2. Construction workers/soldiers –(poor results due to lack of proper perspective)
      3. Teens vs. Children vs. Toddlers – (joyful vs begrudging service )
   5. Conclusion: Why does it matter? The authority we accept completely changes our actions.
3. How do we respond to Jesus authority?   
   Application: The Three Stages of Allegiance
   * 1. Call to Salvation (I am the focus)
        1. Escape from what’s ahead (judgment)
        2. **Worship for what He’s done**
     2. Call to Lordship of Christ (I am still the focus)
        1. Discipleship – Education/Church (Learning Why?)
        2. **Worship for What He’s doing**
     3. Call to Christ as Son of God (God is the focus)
        1. Trust- God’s agenda and methods, not ours, leading to joy.
        2. **Worship for Who Jesus is**

**CONCLUSION:**

1. (Review your structure) . . . What? Why? How?

2. (Refresh your image) . . . What level of calling are you in? Is Jesus your coworker, your supervisor, or the engineer? Is He your Savior, your Lord, or the Son of God?