

*the gospel of*  
MARK



# The Ultimate Authority

Mark 1:14-28



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- vs 14-15 begin Jesus's formal ministry
  - Begins in Galilee - A city that was multi-ethnic and highly political with some religious tension.
- This “time” was not a “chronos” but rather “kairos”\*
  - choros = specific time; chronological
  - kairos = significant moment

\*<https://biblehub.com/interlinear/mark/1.htm>



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- Kingdom of Heaven is a huge, multilayered subject
  - One aspect is the Authority of Jesus
- Authority can have a negative connotation
  - Abuses of power, tyranny etc.
  - Jesus's authority brings more abundant life -

John 10:1-18



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- vs 16-18 Jesus calls Simon and Andrew
  - Was not odd for you men to be an apprentice under a Rabbi. However, the students would usually seek the teacher, not the other way.
- Andrew and Simon followed immediately!
- Jesus shows authority over the individual.



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- vs 19-20 Jesus calls James and John
  - This time, these young men were working with their earthly father.
- James and John followed immediately!
- Jesus shows authority over career and family.



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- vs 21-22 Jesus teaches in the synagogue
  - This event take place on the Sabbath in the synagogue. Signifying the apex of the week religiously and in ways politically as well.
- All were amazed at the authority with which he taught!
- Jesus shows authority over religion & politics.



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- vs 23-28 Jesus expels a demon
  - Up to this point, Jesus showed his authority over man and his constructs. Here he encounters the spiritual realm and shows his authority.
- The demon is quieted and removed simply from the sound of Jesus's voice!



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Jesus has authority over us as individuals.

Jesus has authority over our jobs.

Jesus has authority over our families.

Jesus has authority over our political affiliations.

Jesus has authority over our religious institutions.

Jesus has authority over the Spiritual Realm.

**JESUS HAS AUTHORITY OVER ALL!**



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## Reflection Questions

1. Have I given myself over to his authority at all?
2. What area(s) of my life am I actively/intentionally not submitting to Jesus's authority?
3. If I am willing to acknowledge Jesus's authority, when was the last time I truly prayed for Him to rule in specific/all areas of my life.