

THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS

MARK 1:21-34

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- Ezekiel 34:2-4, 10
- Mark 10:45
- Isaiah 32:1-2

I. Jesus uses his authority to teach. (21-22)

II. Jesus uses his authority to cast out demons. (23-28)

- Ephesians 6:11-12
- James 2:19

III. Jesus uses his authority to heal. (29-34)

- Luke 4:38
- Matthew 11:20

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²¹ And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²² And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴ "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸ And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee. ²⁹ And immediately he[a] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. ³¹ And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³² That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴ And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

These questions are for further study and application of today's text of Scripture. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. One great way to grow as a disciple is by discussing these types of questions in a small group. Find a small group here: gracebiblecw.com/lifegroup or ask someone next to you if you can join their group!

1. Read Ezekiel 34:2-4. What comparisons can you make from how the shepherds of Israel in Ezekiel 34 used their derivative authority to how Jesus used his divine authority in Mark?
2. Read Mark 1:21-22. What do we learn from this section about Jesus' authoritative teaching?
3. Read Mark 1:23 and Ephesians 6:11-12. What evidence have you heard of or seen that demons are still active today? What might be some "schemes of the devil" that could be used against our church or your small group, and how can we stand against them?
4. Read Mark 1:23-25 and Mark 1:34. What kind of Messiah were the Jews looking for in Jesus' day? What might have happened if they had become convinced that Jesus was such a Messiah?
5. Read Mark 1:29-31. In what way is physical healing temporary? In what way is it eternal and permanent?
6. Read Matthew 11:20 and 11:23. In what ways are you tempted to come to Jesus (or to church) in order to receive the *flourishing* that comes from being under Jesus' authority, rather than simply coming to seek Jesus himself?