

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible  
Current Book: The Gospel According to Mark – Message 9

2015 VISION: *Redeem the Time!*

## Scriptures for Today: Mark 1:21-28

Title of Today's Message: *The Authority of the Word of God!*

### INTRODUCTION

Last week, we were reminded of what Jesus said would happen if we would truly follow Him. He promised to **MAKE** us to **BECOME** *fishers of men*. Today, we will begin to follow Jesus as He goes into Capernaum – a city in Galilee that became his “home town” after Nazareth. We will see His **AUTHORITY** as the living Word of God who spoke with power – unlike anyone the religious people had ever seen or heard. We will also see very clearly how that even the devils **BELIEVE** and *tremble* at His presence and at His *authoritative words!*

### PREACHING NOTES

1. Jesus went *straightway* into the **synagogue** to teach and preach the **WORD** of God.

- ✓ The **custom** of Jesus was to go into the synagogues and **read and teach** the Scriptures...  
Mark 1:39; 6:2; Luke 4:16; 2:46-47; Acts 17:2

*Luke 4:16* – And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

- ✓ He **taught** as one that had authority because His authority was the Word of God...  
Matthew 7:29; 8:9; 21:23-24; Mark 13:34; Luke 4:36; Isaiah 55:11; 2 Timothy 2:9; Titus 2:15

*Isaiah 55:11* – So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

*2 Timothy 2:9* – Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.

*Titus 2:15* – These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

*Hebrews 4:12* – For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

- ✓ The scribes **did not teach** as one having authority...  
Matthew 23:16-24; Mark 7:1-13

*Mark 7:7-9, 13* – Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition...Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

- ✓ The people who heard Jesus were **astonished** at his doctrine...  
Matthew 7:28-29; Luke 4:32; John 7:46

*John 7:46* – The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.

**NOTE** There is no mistaking what God wants us to see in this passage – for He recorded the word “*authority*” **twice!!** **Jesus is the living Word of God**, and He spoke with **authority** like no one else on planet earth. God has given us the Holy Spirit-inspired, all-powerful, written Word of God in our own language – **wow!!** Do you **read** it? Do you **believe** it? Do you **speak** it? Do you **memorize** it? Do you **teach** it? Do you **LOVE** it??

2. Jesus rebuked an **unclean spirit** who **BELIEVED** in Him – for **he knew** who He was!

✓ The Bible calls this **devil** an **unclean spirit**...

Matthew 12:43; Mark 3:30; 5:2; 7:25; 8:29; Luke 9:42; 11:24; Matthew 4:24; 8:16, 28; 10:8; 12:28

**Matthew 12:28** – *But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.*

✓ The unclean spirit (devil) spoke **on behalf** of **the kingdom of darkness**...

Matthew 8:29; Colossians 1:13; Ephesians 5:8; 6:12; 1 Peter 2:9; 1 John 2:8; 3:8

**1 John 3:8** – *He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*

✓ The unclean spirit (devil) **knew exactly who Jesus was** and **believed He was the Christ**...

James 2:19; Psalm 16:10; 89:18, 19; Acts 3:14

**James 2:19** – *Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.*

✓ Jesus **rebuked** the unclean spirit who **obeyed His authoritative words**...

Matthew 28:18; Mark 1:34; 3:12; Luke 9:1; 10:17-20

**Luke 10:20** – *Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.*

**NOTE** What an incredible truth it is for us to understand that evil spirits (devils) were living inside of people! Jesus proved that He was God by rebuking one who clearly believed He was the Christ. As a result of casting out this devil, “*his fame spread abroad throughout all the region about Galilee.*” Like many famous athletes and Hollywood stars in our day, Jesus had many **FANS**. But as He went to the cross, we see that He had **very few FOLLOWERS**.

### ❖ Personal Application

- **God speaks** through His **authoritative, living Word**. What does He want **you** to **DO**?

### A TIME OF DECISION

There are no coincidences with God. You were here today to hear a message **from God**...

❖ **Unbeliever**, listen to the voice of your **conscience right now**.

\* The Bible says you must **confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus** and **believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead**. You must turn to God and trust Christ alone to save you from God’s wrath to come.