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**Scripture:** Mark 1:21-45



*Awe of Jesus is the goal.*

We're called to live in awe of who Jesus is. That has supreme value in our lives.

**Mark 1:21–28 ESV**

And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, “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.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. 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.” And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

*“He taught with authority.”*

*“What have you to do with us?”*

**Mark 1:29–34 ESV**

And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. 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.

#### **Mark 1:35–39 ESV**

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.” And he said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.” And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

#### **Mark 1:40–45 ESV**

And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, “If you will, you can make me clean.” Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, “I will; be clean.” And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, and said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them.” But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter.

#### **Leviticus 13:45–46 ESV**

“The leprous person who has the disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of his head hang loose, and he shall cover his upper lip and cry out, ‘Unclean, unclean.’ He shall remain unclean as long as he has the disease. He is unclean. He shall live alone. His dwelling shall be outside the camp.

- *He has compassion.*
- *He has faith.*
- *He heals.*
- *He makes clean that which is unclean.*

Because Jesus cleans the unclean, live in \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Are you \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus' teaching?

**Mark 1:22 ESV**

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**Mark 1:27–28 ESV**

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*Authority = Right + Ability*

*Are you amazed by Jesus' teaching?*

2. Are you \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus?

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*“Everyone is looking for you.”*

**Matthew 13:44–46 ESV**

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

*Allow the awe of Jesus to lead your search for Him in all things.*

**3. Are you \_\_\_\_\_ others about Jesus?**

**Mark 1:43–45 ESV**

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*Are you telling others about Jesus?*

**Be amazed!**

**Search for Him!**

**Tell others about Him!**

**Live in awe of Jesus Christ!**