



Title: Gospel of Mark: Teaching, Casting Out, and Healing

Scripture: Mark 1:21-31

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BOTTOM LINE: You have to bring Jesus home to make a difference in your life.

Vs. 21-22: Jesus teaches with authority.

Vs. 21

Then they went into Capernaum- Capernaum is located on the northern side of the Sea of Galilee. If you were to go to Capernaum today, you would see the remains of the synagogue that Jesus taught in.

Immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught- Synagogues dotted the countryside of Israel. They were smaller structures (compared to the temple) and were established wherever there were ten or more Jewish males living in a place. They were a place of study, prayer, and worship. They did not have set teachers. Guests would be invited to speak. This custom gave Jesus the opportunity to teach.

Vs 22

They were astonished at His teaching- Although we are not told what Jesus taught, we can note the effect that his teaching had on those who were there. The scripture says they were astonished at His teaching.

He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes- Although it is hard to compare Jesus to the other teachers that may have come through the synagogue, we can note that Jesus taught with authority and boldness. The other teachers who taught quoted others who had authority, Jesus spoke WITH authority.

Jesus is more than a good teacher, He is God in the flesh.

Authority flows from submission. We aren't safe with real authority from God unless we are also submitted to God.- David Guzik

Vs. 23-27: Jesus casts out a demon.

Vs. 23

There was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit- In the synagogue there was a man with an unclean spirit. Just as Jesus is Lord in the life of a believer, this man had an evil lord over his life.

Even as Jesus can live in us, so one uninhabited by Jesus can be inhabited by a demon if the invitation is extended, either consciously or unconsciously. Exposure to things such as spirits, astrology, occult practices and drugs are dangerous. They open doors to the demonic world that are better left closed. - David Guzik

Vs. 24

Saying, "Let us alone!"- This unclean spirit had one request, that was to be left alone. He knew Jesus had the power to destroy him and he simply wanted to be left alone to carry out his wishes on this man.

It is possible to believe in God yet be unwilling to follow him. - Tony Evans

I know who You are – the Holy One of God!- It is interesting to note that Jesus did not have to introduce Himself to this unclean spirit. This demon knew exactly who Jesus was and that He was the Holy One of God.

The demon clearly identified Christ's humanity (Jesus of Nazareth) as well as His deity (the Holy One of God). - Warren Wiersbe

Vs. 25

Jesus rebuked him- Jesus did not rely on a ritual or ceremony, He simply demonstrated His authority and rebuked the demon. For people who were afflicted like this, it was customary for rituals and ceremonies to be performed to help the person who was afflicted. Here, Jesus simply rebuked this demon.

Be quiet, and come out of him- Jesus gave two commands to this demon. The first was to be quiet and the second was to come out.

Whenever the Son of God shows up, the forces of hell respond. - Jon Courson

Vs. 26

The unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice- Although this demon would come out, he would not do so without first causing this man to convulse and cry out with a loud voice.

He came out of him- The demon obeyed Jesus and came out of the man. Who knows how long this demon possessed man had be coming to the synagogue

Vs. 27

Then they were all amazed- When the others who were in the synagogue witnessed this, they were all amazed. This caused Jesus' fame to spread throughout the land.

So that they questioned among themselves- Their amazement caused them to discuss (amongst themselves) what they had just witnessed.

What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him- Those who observed what Jesus did wondered how He was able to do this.

The people in the synagogue were amazed and afraid. They realized that something new had appeared on the scene-a new doctrine and a new power. Our Lord's words and works must always go together. - Warren Wiersbe

Vs. 28

Immediately His fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee- We can note that Jesus did not go out and tell people what He did. His acts of service spoke volumes to those who observed what He did.

Vs. 29-31: Jesus heals someone.

Vs. 29

As soon as they had come out of the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew- As soon as Jesus wrapped up an opportunity to do public ministry, another opportunity presented itself. This time it was at the house of Simon and Andrew.

The ministry of Jesus was both public and private. Public in the sense that many people got to observe, and private in the sense that only a few people were able to witness what He did.

Vs. 30

Simon's wife's mother lay sick with a fever- We know from this block of scripture that Peter was married. Peter's mother in law had what was commonly referred to as a burning fever. It was customary to entertain your guests when they came over. Peter may have been apologetic for this situation.

Jesus did not need entertainment, He needed an invitation.

Vs. 31

So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up- Using the same authority that He used to cast out demons, Jesus would now use His authority and great simplicity to heal Peter's mother in law.

Immediately the fever left her. And she served them.- Keeping with the theme of fast moving, this fever immediately left her. Upon being healed she did not take it easy, she served the Lord.

The only appropriate response to God's goodness in your life, in fact, is gratitude and service. - Tony Evans

What a privilege it was for Peter and his family to have the very Son of God as a guest in their humble home. - Warren Wiersbe

As we have seen today, Jesus was capable of:

1. Teaching with authority.
2. Casting out a demon.
3. Healing someone who was sick.

When it comes to your relationship with Jesus, remember that:

1. Jesus has authority.
2. Jesus is capable of setting us free.
3. Jesus is capable of healing us.
4. Jesus is able to change our eternity.



3D Guide

DO. **BOTTOM LINE:** You have to bring Jesus home to make a difference in your life.



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1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?



DISCUSS.

1. In your own words describe how Jesus could teach with such authority.
2. When you watch how Peter's Mother In Law responded to being healed from her fever what do you notice?
3. What are some ways you can apply this scripture to your daily life?

DO.



Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on blueletterbible.com or with their app.