

# Lifehouse Church

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# **“Authority” of Jesus**

**Mark 1**

- 1. Authority in teaching**
- 2. Authority over demons**
- 3. Authority over disease**
- 4. Authority over defilement**

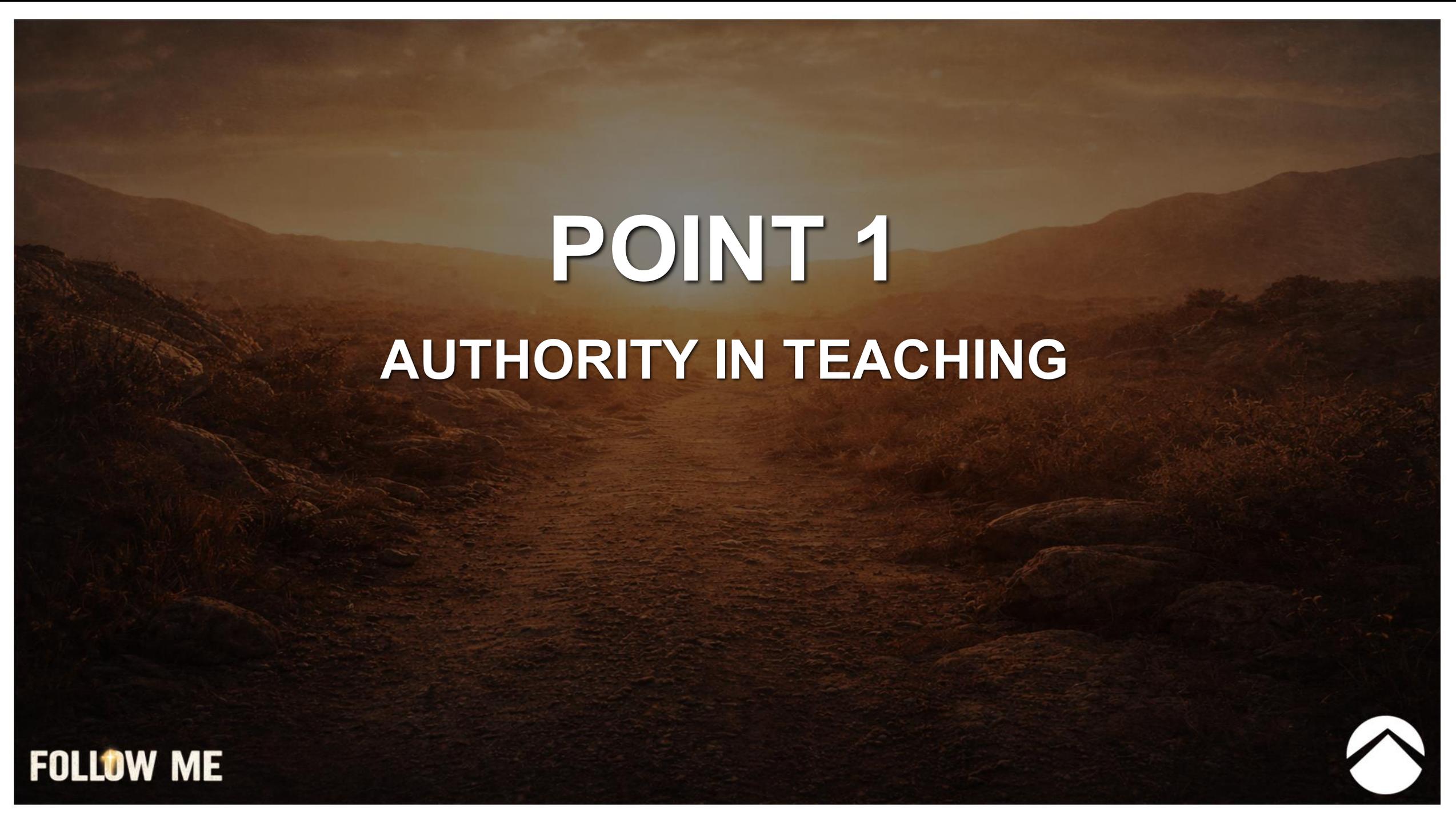


A person wearing a dark, hooded robe is walking away from the viewer on a dirt path that leads towards a bright sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong lens flare and casting a long shadow of the person onto the path. The background consists of rolling mountains under a hazy, golden sky. The overall mood is contemplative and spiritual.

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# POINT 1

## AUTHORITY IN TEACHING

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Mark 1:21-22 - 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.





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**“authority”** is the Greek word *exousia*

**Meaning:**

**Sovereign right to rule.**

**The legitimate power to command and enforce.**



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# Big Idea

**Movement due to Authority  
validates a person's identity.**

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# Application Questions

1. When Jesus speaks through His Word do I treat it as helpful advice or governing authority?
2. What has Jesus already clearly said that I am still negotiating?





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# POINT 2

## AUTHORITY OVER DEMONS

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**Mark 1:23-27 - 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!”**



**Mark 1:23-27 - 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."**



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# Big Idea

**Authority did not create the disturbance...  
...it exposed it.**

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# Big Idea

**Authority doesn't manufacture rebellion...  
it reveals where surrender was never present.**

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# Application Question

Does Jesus Word have authority  
- or  
the voice of an “unclean spirit?”





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# Application Questions

1. Where in your life has unclean voices been louder than Christ?

2. Are you willing to let His authority not just inspire you - but rule you?



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# POINT 3

## AUTHORITY OVER DISEASE

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**Mark 1:29-33 - 29 And immediately he 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.**



**Mark 1:29-33 - 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.**





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**Hebrews 13:8 - Jesus Christ is the same  
yesterday, today, and forever.**

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# Application Question

Do we trust in Jesus  
however He chooses to heal?



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# Application Questions

1. Where do you trust Jesus emotionally but resist Him practically?

2. Does Jesus have authority over your:

Marriage?

Money?

Calling?

Forgiveness?

Health?



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