

Authority of Christ
Mark 2:1-12
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Mark 1:1-3

Mark 1:21-28

⇒ Jesus had authority and power when he taught.

Mark 1:29-34

⇒ Jesus had authority over every disease and every demon.

Mark 2:1-12

⇒ Jesus had the authority to forgive sin.

Small Group Discussion Questions

- a. Do you think Mark should have explained more about who Jesus was in his first few verses and chapters like the other gospel writers? Or do you believe it was better for him to let his readers figure out who the son of God was and what he can do?
- b. Have you ever had an encounter with somebody demon possessed, and or demonic activity in your life? If you haven't, not to worry, your master is greater than theirs and your God is more powerful than the devil.
- c. If Jesus simply heals a paralyzed man in chapter 2 and does not clear his sins forgiven, do you believe he still walks away transformed?
- d. If you could go back in time and witness any of the events in Mark that we discussed (Jesus in the synagogue, Jesus healing at night, Jesus healing the paralyzed man) which would it be?
- e. Would you rather have the spiritual gift of healing, sensing and casting out demons, or teaching and preaching?