

Authority of Jesus



MEMORY VERSE: “But Jesus replied, “We must go on to other towns, and I will preach to them, too. That is why I came.”

Mark 1:38

DAY 1

MARK 1:21-28 — Jesus Commands an Evil Spirit

1. Read verses 21-22. Why can Jesus teach with authority? Refer to John 3:34-35.
2. Read verses 23-26. What did the man with an evil spirit cry out? What do these verses tell you about God’s authority?
3. What happened because of this miracle? vv. 27-28

DAY 2

MARK 1:29-39 — Jesus Heals Many

4. What did Jesus do when he heard about Simon’s mother-in-law? vv. 29-31
5. Read verses 32-34. Why do you think Jesus did not want the demons to tell who He was?
6. Read verse 35. Why do you think He needed/wanted to do this? What does prayer do for you?

7. Why did Jesus want to go to the nearby villages? vv. 38-39

8. What does Jesus' willingness to help people tell us about Him?

DAY 3 MARK 1:40-45 — Jesus Cleanses a Leper

9. What did the man with leprosy say to Jesus? v. 40

10. Read verses 43-45. Why do you think the leper spread the news of what happened?

11. Why do you think so many people kept coming to see Jesus?

DAY 4 MARK 2:1-12 — Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man

12. What happened when Jesus was preaching in a home in Capernaum? What was the first thing Jesus did for this man? Why?

13. How did the paralyzed man and his friends show they had faith in Jesus? Why do you think their faith made such a difference to Jesus?

14. Read verses 6-11. Why were the teachers of the law so upset? How did Jesus respond?

15. God alone can forgive sins. So, what is Jesus clearly stating here?

16. How did the crowd react when they saw the healed man? v. 12

DAY 5 MARK 1:21-2:12 — Wrap Up

17. What was so astonishing about Jesus' teaching? What were some of the results of His teaching?

18. What quality impresses you the most about these four friends of the paralyzed man? How do we build bridges between our lost friends and Jesus today?

TAKE AWAY

This week, tell a friend about Jesus and what He is doing in your life.

BLESSING

Jesus has authority over everything – nature, demons, distance, sin, sickness, death.

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Mark shows who Jesus is by what He does. These episodes of teaching and healing establish Jesus' authority over demons, disease, and sin.

Only Jesus Christ exercises God's absolute authority. He alone has the right to say, "Your sins are forgiven."

While all Christians agree that every person needs God's forgiveness, we can be inclined at times think very little about this need and instead give our attention to less pressing things. We should be

committed to helping those around us see their need and point them to Jesus.

While the crowd didn't have a complete understanding of who Jesus was, they were amazed and they knew that God was the One who deserved the glory. As those who have seen Jesus for who He is and have experienced His forgiveness we should likewise be amazed and give glory to God.

Notes
