

# AUTHORITY OVER EVERYTHING

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**Mark 1:21–28**

**(ESV)**

[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. [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!” [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.” [28] And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

## INTRODUCTION

**Colossians 1:13–14**—[13] He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, [14] in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## JESUS’ AUTHORITY TEACHING (vs. 21-22)

Capernaum = Village of Nahum

**Matthew 11:23**—And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

Synagogue = “the gathering place.”

Primarily a place of teaching

A synagogue could be established with 10 Jewish men

Led by a director called “The ruler of the synagogue,”

Teaching was done by elders, scribes, and rabbis.

The heart of Jesus’ ministry was his teaching.

Mark emphasizes his manner of teaching...Jesus taught with authority!

“authority” = *exousia* (ex = out of / ousia = nature)

**Hebrews 1:1–2**—[1] Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, [2] but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

When you believe Jesus, you don’t just know truths about him, you know truths from him, and his truths change you.

## JESUS’ AUTHORITY OVER DEMONS (vs. 23-28)

Jesus' kingdom has come, and all other domains will bow to him!

**Mark 3:11**—*And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God."*

**The demon knew two things about Jesus:**

- 1) He knew Jesus' mission

**1 John 3:8**—*The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.*

**2 Thessalonians 3:3**—*But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.*

- 2) He knew Jesus' identity

Demons in the gospels, played a redemptive historical role: They revealed Jesus' identity and they demonstrated Jesus' authority.

Jesus' holiness is a consuming fire, it does not get stained with the profane; it instead destroys the profane.

**Matthew 10:28**—*And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.*

**Mark 3:27**—*But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.*

"Jesus defeat of the 'strong man' (3:27) is not at the expense of Satan's victims but on their behalf. Not only are unclean spirits expelled, but broken people are restored to health and wholeness and to the possibility of restoration of their creator, in whose image they are made." -**James Edwards**, *The Gospel According to Mark*

How do I find shelter from the works of the Devil?

- 1) Under Jesus' Teaching

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see him there  
Who made an end to all my sin  
—*Before the Throne of God Above*

- 2) In Jesus' body (the church)

Satan hates true religion.

The best evangelistic strategy we can possibly put in this city is for us to live as though Christ truly is Lord of our lives and the Lord of our church.