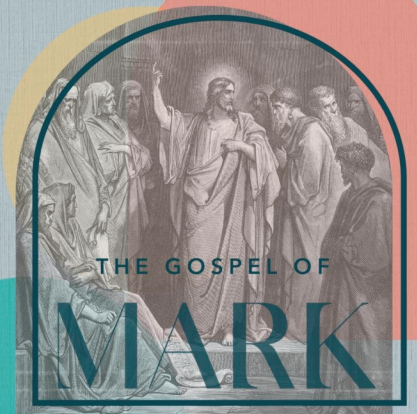


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AMAZING AUTHORITY

Pastor Roger Poupart // Mark 1:21-28



PREPARE YOUR HEART & MIND

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.



21 They went into Capernaum; and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and began to teach. 22 They were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. 23 Just then there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, 24 saying, "What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!" 25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" 26 Throwing him into convulsions, the unclean spirit cried out with a loud voice and came out of him. 27 They were all amazed, so that they debated among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him." 28 Immediately the news about Him spread everywhere into all the surrounding district of Galilee.



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GROW IN THE WORD

- How did Jesus want people to respond to His teaching? Consider the central message of Jesus' ministry described in Mark 1:15.

- What did the demon recognize about Jesus? See Mark 1:1, 3, 7, 11; Colossians 1:16-17.

02. Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, silencing it and commanding it to come out of the man. The demon obeyed, and those who observed were amazed at Jesus' power and authority. They were also confused about Jesus' identity debating amongst themselves about the things he'd done. News about Jesus began to spread around the land (v. 25-28).

- In what ways does the demon's response to Jesus validate Jesus' authoritative teaching? See Acts 3:13-15; Luke 4:40-41; Matthew 28:18-20.



