

Mark 1:21-28

3 Evidences Of Jesus' Authority Over All Things



Background/Context

- Author John Mark writing to Roman audience (64-65 AD) to explain Jesus offers forgiveness of sins and eternal life to all people who will receive it
- Mark close associate of Peter; knew Paul very well
- Here, Jesus begins great Galilean Ministry with home base being town of Capernaum (NW shore of Sea of Galilee)
- Jesus begins process of revealing the Father's plan of salvation and showing His identity
- Gives many evidences of His authority and dominion over all things

Jesus' Truthful Teaching

- (vv.21-22) No one ever taught like Jesus! When He spoke/taught revealed life-giving truth, guidance
- In Capernaum on Sabbath (Friday evening through Saturday evening) Jesus and 4 Disciples attend worship
- Synagogue; place of Scripture, prayer, singing; not animal sacrifice
- Temple in Jerusalem: main place of worship and animal sacrifice
- Jesus believed in going to church
- Rabbis, endless debate and taught from others
- Jesus taught with clarity, simplicity, and from Himself

- Ps. 71:17, “O God, You have taught me from my youth; and to this day I declare Your wondrous works.”
- Sermon on the Mount: Matt. 5:21-22, “You have heard it said to those of old,....” “But I say to you....”



Jesus' Prominent Position

- (vv.23-24) Amazing, Jesus teaching, man cries out and disrupts service (man possessed by evil spirit, demon)
- Evil demon taken control of man; uses him to disturb Jesus
- Demon; amazing declaration about Jesus; knows His humanity, His divinity, truth of God's promises
- He recognizes Jesus' position; demons know and recognize Jesus
- Knew about Jesus and His position/identity, but wouldn't worship Him or serve Him; rebelled against authority of Jesus

- Phils. 2:9-11, “Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”



Jesus' Unlimited Power

- (vv.25-28) Jesus always in perfect control; can handle any situation
- Mark shows, Jesus always provides everything needed for any circumstance
- He always has victory and has authority over all things
- Jesus quickly rebukes demon; “Be quiet” – “Be muzzled, shut your mouth” Demon has to flee when Jesus gives order for him to come out of the man
- People see Jesus' power/authority over all things seen and unseen
- Everyone amazed; Jesus proved His power and provision

- Ps. 24:1, “The earth is the Lord’s, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.”
- Matt. 28:18, “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.’”



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