



The Gospel of Mark, part 5: Authority

*"Authority exercised with humility, and obedience accepted with delight are the very lines along which our spirits live."
~ C.S. Lewis~*

Religion vs The Gospel:

- Religion Is ADVISE On How To get To God
- The Gospel Is An Invitation To Follow A KING

Three Areas of Jesus's Authority:

#1. Jesus Has Authority Over Man- Made RELIGION

²¹ And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had **authority**, and not as the scribes. Mark 1:21-22 (ESV)

#2. Jesus Has Authority Over The SPIRITUAL Realm

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. Mark 1:27-28 (ESV)

"There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them." ~C.S. Lewis~

#3. Jesus Has Authority Over The PHYSICAL Realm

And immediately he^{9a} left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. ³¹ And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. Mark 1:29-31 (ESV)

Application:

You Have To Come UNDER The Authority Of The King Before You Can Walk In The Authority Of The King



Life Groups

We believe that spiritual growth happens best in circles . Life groups provide a safe and encouraging environment to experience authentic Christian community, to love one another, grow faith and discover the life-giving truth of God's Word.

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Using the S.O.A.P Bible Study Method:

(S= Scripture O=Observations, A=Application P= Prayer)

- This week spend 20 minutes a day reading Scripture (See Gospel of Mark 21 Day Reading Plan)
- Then spend 20 minutes journaling your Observations, Application and Prayers.

(If 40 minutes is overwhelming start with 20 or even 10 minutes "*Start Small But Start Now*")
- At Life Group take turn in sharing the observations and application that you have gleaned from this week reading of the Gospel of Mark

Discussion From This Weeks Message:

- What has been your relationship to authority? Do you generally trust authority figures? Why? Why not?
- Discuss the statements; "Religion is advise on how to get to God" & "The Gospel is an invitation to follow a king" How have you seen this play out in your experience
- Does King Jesus hold absolute authority over your life? Yes? No? Explain.

Read Mark 1:21-31

- Have you ever experienced demonic activity? Does Jesus's authority over the spiritual realm encourage you? Why? Why not?
- Have you ever experience a physical healing in the name of Jesus? Does Jesus's authority over the physical realm give you confidence to pray for healing in his name? Why? Why not?
- Discuss the application statement: "*The authority of Jesus is only released through you, to the degree that you are willing to submit yourself to the authority of his kingship*" Have you found this to be true in your experience. Find Biblical examples to support this.

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