

The Gospel of Mark

Who Is This Man?!

Mark 1:21-34

Opener: What stood out to you or got you thinking from the message on Mark 1:21-34?

Read Mark 1:21-28

1. Have you found in Jesus' words through Mark and the other gospels to carry an authority and power that is not present in the words of other people? If so, how have you experienced that authority and power?
2. Since Jesus speaks with a special authority that cannot be matched by humans, how should this influence how you approach and respond to what he teaches?
3. The demon who spoke to Jesus revealed that he, along with the other impure spirits, didn't know why Jesus had come to earth as a man and was terrified that he had come to destroy them. What do we learn about the spiritual realm from this? What questions does it raise for you?
4. Why would Jesus want to keep concealed his plans for salvation from the demons? Why would he not want them to reveal who he is?
5. Jesus demonstrated that he had authority over the demon when he drove him out of the man he had possessed. What can you learn about Jesus' authority from the interactions between Jesus and the demon in this story?

Read Mark 1:29-34

6. What does the healing of Peter's mother-in-law and then later many other people reveal about Jesus' authority and power?
7. Who do you believe Jesus is? What are you compelled to believe about him?
8. How do you feel called to respond to what you have heard from God's Word today? Is there a step of obedience you feel led to take?