

Series: The Gospel of Mark  
"Jesus the Teacher" # 6  
Mark 1:21-28  
2-5-17 Sun AM

Many believe Jesus was nothing more than a good man and a good teacher...

**Context:** Thus far we have covered John the Baptist as forerunner introducing the king, the baptism of Jesus as the Lamb of God, the temptation of Jesus proving He was the Messiah, the theme of his preaching, and the calling of his disciples.

Now Mark moves to His actual ministry as teacher and healer.

**TT-** This morning we see Jesus as teacher. He taught with authority and showed his authority by miracles.

**I. Speaking with Authority (vs. 21-22).**

1. v. 21- The Setting of His Teaching.

Capernaum was where Jesus lived on the NW shore of Galilee after the rejection in Nazareth. Capernaum was his ministry headquarters. Capernaum was a fishing village (Jesus called 4 of his disciples who were fishermen 1:16-20).

In the Synagogue Jesus found a ready audience. The Law of Moses was still in effect and Jesus being obedient as a Jew, went to the synagogue (Sabbath and Synagogue).

Synagogue means "a gathering of people for secular or religious purposes." They would read and explain the Law of Moses and pray. There had to be 10 Jewish men to form a synagogue.

Teaching in the synagogue was a feature of his itinerant ministry. Remember, to the Jew first then the Greek (Rom. 1:16).

1. v. 21- The Setting of His Teaching.

2. v. 22- The Manner of His Teaching.

They were astonished at his doctrine because He taught as one having authority, not like the Scribes. They were struck out of their senses or overwhelmed. His teaching was personal and forceful.

Scribes would quote the rabbi's as their authority for what they taught, but Jesus would say, "But I say unto you." Jesus spoke that way because he had authority.

Scribes were so-called experts in the Law who served as copyists, editors, lawyers, and teachers.

**I. Speaking with Authority (vs. 21-22).**

**II. Showing Authority (vs. 23-28).**

It was not just his manner of teaching, but Jesus complimented his teaching with miraculous signs...

1. vs. 23-26- The Power of His Authority.

There was a man in the Synagogue with an unclean spirit [demon]. The demon cried out to Jesus to leave them alone speaking for all demons.

The demon acknowledged he was the Holy One of God!  
Amazingly, the demon affirmed Jesus' sinlessness and deity but did not embrace Him—truths which many deny, and still deny.

Demons were fallen angels- some bound in Tartarus (2 Peter 2:4; Jude 1:6) and others roaming the earth trying to hinder the work of God and blinding unbelievers.

During the earthly ministry of Jesus there was an increased activity of demons like there will be in the tribulation period.

**Col 2:15**, And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Jesus rebuked the demon and commanded him to come out of the man, but not before doing the man damage [convulsed him].

1. vs. 23-26- The Power of His Authority.

2. vs. 27-28- The Reaction to His Authority.

The purpose of the miracle was so they would believe his message and confirm the doctrine was from God.

He not only taught with authority, He acted with authority. His fame grew which was a problem because they focused on the signs and not the Scriptures.

**Con:**

Jesus would later claim all authority in heaven and earth and He commanded his disciples to make disciples, baptize, and teach.

**Q-** Are you willing to recognize his teaching and authority in your life today and surrender to Him?