

“The Authority Of Jesus”
Mark 1:21-45
2/25/24
Message 4

Introduction

- Title Of The Message: “The Authority Of Jesus”

- **Review Mark so FAR**

- **Mark 1:1-11 - Behold, I Send My Messenger**

- **We Looked at Mark**

- 1st He was the Cousin of Barnabas (Col.4:10)
 - 2nd He was the son of Mary
 - A leading woman in the Jerusalem Church (Acts 12:12)
 - 3rd Mark was NOT one of the 12 disciples
 - 1 Peter 5:13 Suggests he was converted through Peter’s ministry.
 - 4th Mark’s Gospel
 - 1st Mark may be a recap of Peter’s Ministry
 - 2nd Mark is the shortest of the 4 Gospels
 - 3rd The “Go Gospel”
 - There’s a “Hurriedness” to his style.
 - JUST the FACTS MA’AM
 - 4th The Major Theme

- To present Jesus as the Servant of God!

- **We Looked at JTB**

- His Father and Mother
 - Zacharias & Elizabeth
 - Elizebth and Mary
 - John leaped in the womb
- JTB Ministry
 - His Ministry was prophesied (Mal. 3:1)
 - JTB Ended 400 Years of God being Silent
 - The For runner for Christ
 - Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight
 - Preaching a baptism of Repentance for the Remission of sins.
 - Baptized Jesus
 - Arrested

- **Mark 1:12-20 - Follow Jesus part 1 & 2**

- **1st In His Act Of Baptism vs. 9-11**

- 1st It was an act of Obedience
- 2nd Identifying Himself with sinners.
 - To “Fulfill All Righteousness (Matt. 3:15)
- Christ was Baptized – SO SHOULD WE

▪ **2nd In The Attempt Of Satan to Hinder Him vs. 12-13**

- Jesus is Our Example in Fighting Temptation
- He Conquered Temptation with the Word of God
- It IS WRITTEN – The WORD

▪ **3rd In His Allegiance In Preaching The Gospel vs. 14-15**

- The Gospel Message
 - The Death, Burial and Resurrection
- The Message Repent and Turn to God
 - Is still the message – no matter what some churches believe

▪ **4th In Answering His Call To Be Fishers of Men vs. 16-20**

- A Call to be Fishers of MEN
- To give your Whole life to Christ
- Not just weekend visits – **Show Pic**

▪ **5th Last Time I Shared My Pastoral Heart**

- If I had one last message – this would be it!
 - Follow JESUS with everything
 - Completely sold out for Jesus and His mission on this earth

Luke 9:23–26 (NKJV)

23 Then He said to them all, *“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.*

24 *For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.*

25 *For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?*

26 *For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels.*

Romans 12:1–2 (NKJV)

1 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.*

2 *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

Galatians 2:20 (NKJV)

20 *I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)

33 *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

- Totally be SEEKING Jesus with EVERYTHING
 - Illustration
 - Monkey – Coconut Rice
 - Illustration - Brief Testimony on Matthew 6:33
 - 1995-1996
 - The Lord Calling me to live a life of total surrender
 - The Breaking
 - Massive Head-aches

- The Lesson

- The Lord was asking me to give everything to HIM
- TRUST Him
- He was calling us to live a life of full surrender and trust and faith in HIM

- How

- For US a Call to serve Him with our lives – Ministry
- The first step was taking a step back from the position I had
- There was a lot pressure to work on Sundays and basically dedicate my whole life to the job
- The Lord lead us to step back take a huge pay cut
- So we could be more available to serve Jesus
- We honored Him and did this
- He totally blessed us
 - New places to live
 - Private School for our kids
 - Too many blessing to count

- The company begged me to step back into the head manager role
 - I did in Spring/Summer of 1997 –
 - He blessed this so much with so much success
- The Lesson was learned SEEK GOD first and He will take care of the rest
 - Even if I am not blessed in ways I would like
 - He will always make a way for His will to be done

• **Now This Morning We will look at 3 amazing TRUTHS about Jesus Authority**

- Authority In The WORD vs. 21-22
- Authority Over Unclean Spirits vs. 23-28
- Authority Over Diseases vs. 29-45

Authority In The WORD vs. 21-22

• **First: Capernaum & Church v. 21**

- **1st They went into Capernaum v. 21a**

Mark 1:21 (NKJV)

21 Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught.

▪ **Capernaum**

• **Show MAP**

- It was a small town of about 1500

- Know for being a fishing village
- Home town of the fishermen
 - Peter & Andrew, James & John
- It was also the home of the tax collector named Matthew (Mat. 9:9)
- Capernaum would become sort of a “home-base” for Jesus’ ministry in Galilee.
- Capernaum today
 - 1981 The remains of an ancient Jewish synagogue they believe Jesus taught in.
 - Peter’s Mother in Law House
 - **Show Pics**
- **2nd Church - Immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught v. 21b**

Mark 1:21 (NKJV)

21 Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught.

- **Synagogue (Church)**
 - Was a gathering place for the Jews.
 - 10 plus male to have a home town Synagogue
 - Structure to the service
 - Prayer
 - Praise
 - A reading from the Torah and the prophets

- Followed by a sermon or teaching.
- Each synagogue would have a “RULER” / Leader
 - Who would determine what was going to be done for that Service
 - Apparently - the ruler of the Capernaum synagogue had asked Jesus to teach that week.
- **Application - Jesus went to church –**
 - Jesus understood the importance of Going to synagogue (church)
 - SO SHOULD WE
 - You and I need to be in church
 - It's good to be here together

Hebrews 10:25 (NKJV)

25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:25 (NLT)

25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

- **1st Going to church does not make you a Christian**
 - Just like going to MacDonalds doesn't make you a BIG MAC
 - Or going to a Doughnut Shop make you a COP
 - You don't have to go to church to be a Christian

- BUT Christians GO to church

- **2nd The Importance of Church**

- *Stedman; “Most Christians are tragically unaware of the biblical pattern for the church.”*

- Sadly - Even the importance of Church

- 1st It His Body

- This is not just Another gathering during the week

- It special – God is with us Moving and Working

- He is Working

- Prayer

- Worship

- Word – Teaching

- Fellowship

- Gifts are used

- You come to BLESS Jesus and to BLESS OTHERS

- Sunday is the primary focus – A time to Rally

- Midweek studies are critical to keep us focused

- Mid-Week – OT – Can't make listen on line

- 2nd The Main Mission Make Disciples
 - Not converts to our programs BUT Disciples
 - So therefore it is critical we DON'T Forsake
 - Critical for
 - Growth
 - Strength
 - Encouragement
 - Exhortation
- 3rd As Disciples We live to do the WILL of God
 - Please let me share my heart before we go on –
 - Moving from California
 - We must Understand we no longer have a will of our own
 - Acts 16 – Paul wanted to go to Asia – God had other plans
 - First – this has NOTHING to do with those who have already left our church to another state –
 - MOST if not all – look to be following the Lord
 - BUT – Sadly –
 - I know MANY (mostly on FB) dear friends who have left California not because God called but because they became frustrated
 - Listen we don't have that right –

- JUST Because something is hard does not mean we can give up
- We must seek God and His will
- If He moves us GREAT go – If not stay and serve God
- NEVER LEAVE a PLACE
- GO to a PLACE
- By the Way the GREAT Commission is still Applicable

- **Show Pic**

- If every Christian left California who will be here to do the will of God?!

- **Second: His Authority v. 22**

- **1st They were astonished at his teaching v. 22a**

Mark 1:22 (NKJV)

22 And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

- **Context**

- Most Rabbis of the day
 - Taught what other more famous Rabbi's taught but did not teach the Word
- So when Jesus Taught –
 - He taught His Father Heart –

- He Taught as THE ONE who had authority

- **Their Reaction - Astonished**

- Greek: Ekplesso –
- Means:
 - To strike out, expel by a blow, to be struck with astonishment to the place of panic and loss of self-possession; to be struck with amazement, amazed.
- The language suggests
 - That there was a prolonged amazement –
 - They were blown away during His entire time of teaching.
- **2nd For He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes v. 22b**

Mark 1:22 (NKJV)

22 And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

- **Jesus Taught with Authority**

- Because He had Authority
 - Jesus showed authority
 - When the angels served Him.
 - When authority announcing the presence of the kingdom of God
 - When commanding men to repent and believe.
 - When calling disciples after Himself.

- NOW – He Teaching with Authority
 - A MESSAGE FROM GOD
 - (He wasn't just quoting from man, but from God)
 - He knew what He was talking about.
 - He Believed & Lived what He taught
- **Application**
 - 1st Does He have FULL authority in your life
 - This is a huge issue in the church –
 - A lack of understanding authority
 - 2nd The World is LOOKING for Answers
 - They are looking all over the place
 - There are a lot of voices out there
 - Saying they are the authority
 - The daytime television schedule is filled with “talk” shows and people who claim to know what they’re talking about!!
 - We have been given the Words of LIFE
 - Share it with Authority
 - It is the ONLY ANSWER for MANKIND
 - MUST teach His Word with Authority

- Even though NONE of us have arrived at perfection
- We must BOLDLY teach His Word as the ONLY hope for mankind

Authority Over Unclean Spirits vs. 23-28

• **First: A Man With An Unclean Spirit vs. 23-24**

○ **1st A man with an unclean spirit v. 23**

Mark 1:23 (NKJV)

23 Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out,

- **This man was possessed by a demon.**
 - Mark records that he was in “their” synagogue,
 - Indicating that this man Wasn’t a Member
 - But was visiting that day.
 - I wonder if the people knew he had a demon.
 - Does it seem strange for a demon possessed person to be in a church?
- **Application**
 - Can People be Demon Possessed Today
 - YES A person who does not HAVE JESUS can be Demon POSSESSED
 - Exposure to things such as
 - Spiritism
 - Astrology

- Occult practices
- Drugs (YES POT)
- They open doors to the demonic world that are better left closed.
- Illustration
 - Bike ride in Petaluma
- **2nd I know who You are; the Holy One of God! v. 24**

Mark 1:24 (NKJV)

24 saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"

- **LET US Alone**

- Is this demon speaking for all demons?!

- **Did You Come to Destroy US**

- Also we can learn from this
 - That the demons are concerned about their future
 - Did you come destroy us
 - They understand the AUTHORITY of Jesus and know their time is limited

- **You are the HOLY ONE OF GOD**

- The demon himself testified that Jesus was Holy and Pure.
 - The demonic world knows who Jesus is!

• Second: Jesus Rebukes The Unclean Spirit vs. 25-28

○ **1st Jesus Rebuked him v. 25**

Mark 1:25 (NKJV)

25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, *“Be quiet, and come out of him!”*

- Be Quiet - Hold Thy Peace –
 - Greek: Phimoo –
 - Means: To close the mouth with a muzzle; to stop the mouth, reduce to silence; “shut up!”, “put a cork in it!”
 - I am looking forward to the day when Jesus shuts their mouths forever!

○ **2nd The Demon Does not Leave easy v. 26**

Mark 1:26–28 (NKJV)

26 And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him.

- Torn – Greek: Sparasso –
- Means: To convulse, tear; medical writers use the term for the rotating of the stomach.
 - Luke records that the demon threw the man to the ground. The demon isn’t letting go of the man without hurting him.
- BUT Jesus is Greater
 - Jesus takes a demon possessed man and delivers him.
 - When Jesus shows up, He doesn’t leave you the same.

○ **3rd The Reaction vs. 27-28**

Mark 1:27–28 (NKJV)

27 Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him."

28 And immediately His fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee.

▪ **Amazed –**

- Greek: Thambeo –
- Means: To astonish, terrify; to be amazed; to be frightened; a different word than the one used in verse 22 to describe their astonishment at His teaching. This display of power and authority is terrifying.

▪ **Authority –**

- Greek: Exousia
- Means: Same word that was used in verse 22
 - Jesus has the authority.

▪ **Command –**

- Greek: Epitasso –
- Means: To order, command, charge; this is a military term.

▪ **Lesson**

- Demons aren't something you or I on our own could command.
- Yet the authority of Jesus is so great that even they must do what He says.

Authority Over Diseases vs. 29-45

• First: Peter's Mother-in-law Is Healed vs. 29-31

- **1st They entered the house of Simon and Andrew v. 29**

Mark 1:29 (NKJV)

29 Now as soon as they had come out of the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

- Time for LUNCH

- Always GREAT to grab some food and rest after Sunday service!
- Also Speak that it was close to the CHURCH

- **2nd So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her vs. 30-31**

Mark 1:30–31 (NKJV)

30 But Simon's wife's mother lay sick with a fever, and they told Him about her at once.

31 So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her. And she served them.

- **Authority - Power OVER illness**

- Peter was married. The first "pope" was a married man. HAHA
- Jesus healed with the same authority that He used to cast out demons.

- **And she served them**

- Peter's mother-in-law responded the way we should when Jesus blesses us.
- She immediately served Jesus out of gratitude.
- Application

- He has HEALED US (SAVED)

- So we too should be serving Jesus and others

- **Second: Healing Many vs. 32-34**

Mark 1:32–34 (NKJV)

32 *At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed.*

33 *And the whole city was gathered together at the door.*

34 *Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.*

- **Then He healed many:**

- It was a busy day
- Jesus ministered after nightfall to the whole city that had gathered together at the door.
- Jesus worked very hard to serve the needs of others and always put their needs before His.

- **Third: Importance Of Prayer v. 35**

- **1st Jesus prays in a solitary place v. 35**

Mark 1:35 (NKJV)

35 *Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.*

- **1st Now in the morning:**

- NO Sleeping In for Jesus

- Having risen a long while before daylight
- Made less time for sleep and more time for prayer.

- **2nd He PRAYED**

- If Jesus needed to PRAY –
 - How much more us!
- Prayer
 - Communication with God
 - Close - Intimate Communion
 - To Nourished and Strengthened our soul
 - Time Exposure
 - *E. Stanley Jones once described prayer as a “time exposure to God.” He used the analogy of his life being like a photographic plate which, when exposed to God, progressively bore the image of God in keeping with the length of exposure*
- 3rd A Solitary Place:
 - Jesus knew the importance of solitary time with God.
 - We need to have a place of Solitude
 - A PLACE
 - At Home
 - Mountains
 - Oceans
 - Walk
 - Drive
 - For Me it's a Bike Ride

- **2nd Application – How Your Prayer Life**

- **How many would say I need a better prayer life this morning?**

- I believe I have a good prayer life

- BUT I still need to GROW

- **What Hinders Prayer**

- **1st The Pace of LIFE**

- Recent studies show that an increasing number of people in the US feel

- Harried

- Pressed

- Stressed

- Over-committed.

- Pressure at Work

- Boss is putting pressure on them to work longer hours

- Family

- Their family is putting the squeeze on them to have more face-time.

- One person wrote

- Up at 6:45, at work at 7:30. Off at 5:30, rush to soccer practice, on the way home grab dinner at the drive-thru. Take the kids to the sitter, then to the theater for the latest flick you have to see because everyone will be

talking about it at work tomorrow. Pick up the kids from the sitter, go home and plop into bed around 11:30. That's just Monday!

- Jesus Knows what it is like to be BUSY
 - If you feel harried & busy; stressed, pressed, & the pace of your life is hectic
 - Know that Jesus knows what that feels like.
 - BUT HE made time to pray
 - We see an example of how to deal with such a hectic schedule.
- If you are too BUSY to PRAY – you are TOO BUSY
 - BUSY –
 - Being
 - Under
 - Satans
 - YOKE

- **2nd Not Hearing the Lord**

- Some people say, “I just don’t hear from the Lord.”
- Understand – It’s hard to hear His voice when you don’t slow down long enough to hear it
- Also – When your not in the Word

- **Look at Jesus**

- He sought a quiet hour and a quiet place to pray
- *Spurgeon; “Look no man in the face till thou hast seen the face of God. Speak thou with none till thou hast had speech with the Most High.”*

▪ **Ask yourself**

- Do you make time with the Lord a priority?
- Is there a regular time in your day when you’re quiet and alone with the Lord?
- Do you seek the Lord for direction before you’ve gotten in trouble, or only after?

• **Fourth: The Time to Move vs. 36-39**

○ **1st Searched for Him v. 36-37**

Mark 1:36–37 (NKJV)

36 *And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him.*

37 *When they found Him, they said to Him, “Everyone is looking for You.”*

▪ **Everyone is looking for You:**

- The disciples probably thought Jesus would be pleased at His popularity
- Would want to spend more time with the crowd He gathered and impressed the day before.
- BUT this was not the case

○ **2nd Let us go into the next towns vs. 38-39**

Mark 1:38–39 (NKJV)

38 *But He said to them, “Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth.”*

39 *And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and casting out demons.*

- His ministry was not being famous or enjoying the fame.
 - Jesus did not stay in that town and “ride” the crest of His popularity there.
 - He knew His ministry was to preach all across Galilee.
- That I may preach
 - The Clear Priority for Jesus – PREACHING
 - Not Miracles
 - Not Programs
 - Not Entertainment
 - Not Activities
 - BUT PREACHING

• **Fifth: A Leper Comes to Jesus vs. 40-45**

- **1st A leper came to Him v. 40**

Mark 1:40 (NKJV)

40 *Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, “If You are willing, You can make me clean.”*

- **Leprosy - Horrific Diseases**
 - Today – They believe It is called Hansen's Disease
 - Leprosy – symptoms
 - Begins as small red spots on the skin.
 - Before too long the spots get bigger

- It starts to turn white, with a shiny or scaly appearance.
 - The spots soon spread over the body and hair begins to fall out –
 - First from the head, then even from the eyebrows.
 - As things get worse, fingernails and toenails become loose; they start to rot and eventually fall off.
 - Then the joints of fingers and toes begin to rot and fall off, piece by piece.
 - Gums begin to shrink, and they can't hold the teeth anymore, so each tooth is lost.
 - Leprosy keeps eating away at the face until the nose, the palate, and even the eyes rot –
 - The leper wastes away until he or she dies.
- In the Old Testament
 - Lepers among the people of Israel should be carefully quarantined and examined (Leviticus 13-14).
 - Lepers had to dress like people who were in mourning for the dead, because they were considered to be the living dead.
 - They had to warn the people around them by crying out, "Unclean! Unclean!" whenever people were near them.
 - **Leprosy = Type of SIN**

▪ **Imploring Him, kneeling down to Him:**

- The leper was so desperate in his approach to Jesus.
 - I KNOW You can make me clean:
 - The leper really believed in the power of Jesus, and had confidence that Jesus could heal him.
 - This shows that the leper had great faith because as far as we know, Jesus had not yet healed a leper in His ministry.
- No one had ever really be Healed
 - Everyone knew only God could heal a leper.
 - There was no cure, and no one just got better.
 - A leper could never get better without a direct healing from God.
- Make me clean:
 - The leper knew what he needed from Jesus.
 - He didn't ask to be healed, but cleansed.
 - The leper needed much more than healing.
 - God is the ONLY one who can HEAL / CLEAN us from SIN
- **2nd Jesus cleanses the leper vs. 41-45**

Mark 1:41–45 (NKJV)

41 Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, ***“I am willing; be cleansed.”***

42 As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed.

43 And He strictly warned him and sent him away at once,

44 and said to him, *“See that you say nothing to anyone; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing those things which Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”*

45 However, he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the matter, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter the city, but was outside in deserted places; and they came to Him from every direction.

▪ **Jesus, moved with compassion:**

- Their whole appearance was too repulsive, and they usually made people feel disgust instead of compassion
- BUT Jesus was filled with compassion

▪ **Put out His hand and touched him**

- He could have spoken a word or even just thought a thought and the man would have been healed
- But Jesus used a touch.

▪ **Show yourself to the priest:**

- Jesus told the former leper to go to the priests to carry out the ceremony the law required when a leper was cleansed.
- Why?
 - To first to honor the law of God
 - But also as a testimony to the priests that an incurable disease had been cured.

▪ **Say nothing to anyone**

- The man may have meant well and might have thought he was helping Jesus,
- But his disobedience hindered the ministry of Jesus.

- Jesus could no longer openly enter the city

Closing

- Does Jesus have FULL Authority in Our LIVES today