

When Jesus Came to Church

Mark 1:21-28



Jesus Taught With Authority

- The synagogue was the most influential, and logical place for Jesus to begin to establish His divine authority.
- A common response of people who first read the Gospels with an open mind is that the teachings of Jesus are remarkable.
- Jesus' teachings were different because everyone else's teachings were derivative while He taught with direct, personal authority from God.
- Jesus did not teach to educate but to call people to decision.

Jesus Exercised Authority Over The Powers of Darkness

- The demon-possessed man's religious and cultural ties to Judaism had done him no good.
- While the congregation did not understand who Jesus was, there was no doubt in the mind of the demon.
- In several demonic encounters in Mark, the demons knew instantly who Jesus was.
- Jesus said only six words and instantly the demon obeyed.
- Later, Jesus began to claim rights and prerogatives reserved only for God.
- The people were unable to remain quiet about the wonder they had witnessed.

Conclusion

- **Never forget the reality of the demonic world.**
- **Christians cannot be demon-possessed.**
- **Jesus has the authority to direct and order your life; He has the right to tell you what to do.**
- **God can save anybody!**
- **Do not put off until tomorrow what you should do today... Turn to Jesus and be saved!**