

GO DEEPER

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Consider the whole passage and list all the ways Jesus demonstrates authority.

Do you have a personal testimony of how Jesus has demonstrated authority in your life?

Verses 21-39 depict a single day in the life of Jesus.

What do you notice about the pacing of this story?

Should we view this day as an exception, or is Mark teaching us that this was the norm for Jesus and his 4 disciples? Why?

Imagine being with Jesus on this day, how would you respond to it?

Jesus went to the synagogue in Capernaum regularly enough to be known by the synagogue rulers and invited to teach. What does this teach us about his habits and involvement in his local synagogue congregation? Are there any implications for how we as Christians should be involved in our local congregation?

Why were the people astonished by Jesus?

Mark clearly teaches that the spiritual realm is real and overlaps with the material realm.

Do you have an easy time accepting the reality of this exorcism account?

Do you, or others, tend to deny or downplay spiritual realities? How?

What is the danger of ignoring the existence of the demonic?

What is the danger of giving too much attention to the demonic?

In vs 36-38 Jesus zigs when everyone expects him to zag. Why?

How does Jesus manage to resist the "call" of the crowds?

If you were a disciple, or part of the crowd, how would you react to his decision?

Jesus prioritizes faithfulness to the mission over "effectiveness" and "responsiveness to what people want." How does this challenge, or confirm, how you live your personal life; or how we act as a church?

In vs 40-45 Jesus encounters a man with leprosy and heals him.

What is the significance of Jesus touching the man?

How does Jesus bring restoration to every area of the man's life?

How can our daily ministry mirror Jesus' wholistic approach to restoration?

Jesus is the King who acts with authority over people, scripture, disease, and the demonic. Where do you need to experience Jesus' authoritative teaching or healing in your life? How will you take a step to submit to him or to open yourself to his authority?

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