

The Authority of Jesus

Mark 1:21-34

Children's Message

A Map of Where Jesus lived!

What is Archeology? - The study of old things (there's a lot of digging!)

This is where Jesus first preached. (underneath actually!)

This is the remains of a church that people think was built over Peter's house.

Jesus healed Peter's Mother-in-law there.

Do you believe Jesus can heal you?

You can pray to Jesus when you are sick.

Sometime he allows us to heal naturally and sometimes he can make us better.

Even if he doesn't, however, he has a reason but he still loves you very much.

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King & Kingdom

Remember, the gospel is that the Kingdom of Heaven is near.

This Kingdom is counter cultural.

The “good life” is challenged by this Kingdom.

So what is this kingdom about? How can you tell? Who is the king?

Show me the King and I'll tell you about the kingdom.

This is what Mark is on about.

The Entire Christian Faith, the Kingdom of God is dependent on Jesus.

Not councils, not doctrines, not denominations, not rallies.

Jesus alone.

To be truly Christian we own Jesus as our king.

But Jesus is not like any king we know in human history.

Mark will show us the way.

The Kingship of Jesus

V21. Capernaum - a major town near Nazareth on the sea of Galilee.

Sabbath - Saturday, day of worship.

Synagogue - same as church to them.

Teach - Jesus gets up and begins to teach. In other gospels we realize he reads from Scripture and comments on the Kingdom. He had already started declaring the Kingdom, so they recognize that he is a teacher with something to say.

Jesus reveals the Kingdom through teaching. The realm of thought.

v.22 Amazed - the reaction is to his teaching - the way he present his material.

Authority - there is a sense of power, of author-ship.

Vs. teachers of the law - were these poor teachers? Or simply without authority? or without passion? People knew Jesus was different.

Not just charisma, spectacle and popularity – substance.

Substance comes before the miracles.

Jesus is revealed as the King of Wisdom.

Does Jesus' teaching make sense to you?

What questions do you have?

V.23-24 A possessed man in the synagogue

The demon recognizes Jesus and asks his intention

- even in a place of religion the devil can dwell.

Never think otherwise. It is not about holy ground but a holy heart. Even in the church the devil can work and often he does. An obedient church is a threat to him.

- Jesus is known by the demon.

- the demon tries to talk to Jesus, to know his intentions.

- Jesus does not even engage with the demons but commands the demon to come out.

- Jesus reveals the kingdom through spiritual power. The spiritual realm.

V.25-26 Jesus immediately silences the demon and exorcises the man.

V.27 People are further amazed.

Not only at his teaching but his power over spirits.

Jesus is King of the Invisible Spiritual Realm

How have you observed Jesus as King of the Spiritual Realm?

How comfortable are you when talking about angels, demons and the Holy Spirit?

What Questions do you have?

V.27 Jesus' fame grows.

V.29 New scene - private home of Peter along with other disciples.

V.30 Peter's mother-in-law is sick.

V.31 Jesus goes to her, helps her up and her and the fever leaves her - she is made well.

Jesus reveals his authority in the physical material realm.

Jesus is king over the Physical and Material Realm

How have you seen the power of God in the physical realm?

With healing?

With the practical realities?

If Jesus could help you with anything in your body, what would it be?

How would he react if he healed you?

How would you react if he didn't?

Discussion Question:

Which is hardest for me to accept:

That Jesus is wise

That Jesus conquers the spiritual forces of darkness

or That Jesus heals our sicknesses?

Why?

V.32 People keep coming to Jesus for healing and casting out of demons.

V.33 the whole town of Capernaum.

V.34 Jesus heals and exorcises.

He will not allow the demons to speak.

But Jesus keeps his true identity hidden.

Jesus is the humble king.

Jesus does not want to be "Famous."

Fame, celebrity, in the human pursuits is counterproductive to the kingdom.

Power and influence often gets in the way.

What Kind of King are you looking for?

What kind of God?

He will never be what he wants you to be.

He will only be who he is.

"I am that I am."

But are you willing to accept that?