

## **Recap of 2/19/23 message by Pastor Joe (Mark 1:21-28)**

- 1. To the credentials of Jesus, the Son of God, Mark adds His authority in teaching and authority over demons.*
- 2. “Mark quickly establishes the fact that Jesus came in authority. In just two chapters [one and two] He records that Jesus has demonstrated power and authority in His teaching (1:22), over demons (1:25-27), over diseases (1:30-34, over uncleanness (1:41,42), over sin (2:10), and as overseer of the law (2:28). Later He will even demonstrate His authority over the laws of nature (4:39-41). (Wilkerson)*
- 3. The key word in this section is “authority, Gk. exousia) which means “power of authority,” “power of rule or government,” or “one whose will, and commands must be obeyed by others.” It is the right to exercise power over someone or something.*
- 4. Jesus went into the synagogue at Capernaum and began to teach. A sample of Jesus’ teaching is seen in 1:14, 21, & 39. As explained by Dr. Grassmick: “To repent is to turn away from an existing object of trust (e.g., oneself) [religion, religious ritual, good works, etc.]. To believe...is to commit oneself wholeheartedly to an object of faith [that is, Jesus Christ as the Messiah, the son of God—God incarnate.]” The people were amazed by the authority with which He taught, not as the Scribes, who simply quoted what other Rabbis said without making any conclusions of their own.*
- 5. Jesus’ teaching was interrupted by a man who was possessed by an evil spirit (a demon). Scriptures affirms the reality of demons. Christ cast out demons; gave his disciples authority to cast them out; didn’t correct anyone for their acceptance of the reality of demons. The New Testament mentions demons over 100 times. They are fallen angels who fell with Satan and joined his revolt against God. Demons are personal beings who oppose the purposes of God in the world, promote idolatry, promote a false works-based religion, and can inflict physical and mental illnesses.*
- 6. “The New Testament epistles stress the need for believers to draw on their close relationship with Christ and the power of His Spirit as the primary means for resisting the influence of evil spirits.” (Chr. Tdy) (1 John 4:4)*