



# THE GOSPEL OF MARK

## Seeing Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God



Part 7

*"The Authority of the Messiah"*

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### Introduction

- Jesus' public ministry began with the authoritative proclamation that the kingdom of God and the long-promised redemption of Israel had drawn near. As the Messiah, the Son of God, Jesus alone was qualified to make such a claim and He immediately began His ministry in the region of Galilee following His baptism and temptation.

**Key Point:** From the outset of His public ministry, Jesus' authority as Messiah was displayed for all to see in the power of His \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_.

### The Calling of the First Disciples— Mark 1:16-20

- The first disciples that the Lord called to follow Him were fishermen on the Sea of Galilee.

#### *Simon & Andrew*

⇒ Jesus' calling of these men illustrated the uniqueness of His model of \_\_\_\_\_ which differed significantly from other teaches of the day.

Mark 1:17— *And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men."*

#### *James & John (the sons of Zebedee)*

⇒ Jesus' calling of these men illustrated the \_\_\_\_\_ of what it would mean to follow Him.

Mark 1:20— *And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.*

**Key Point:** As Messiah, Jesus has the authority to call and \_\_\_\_\_ those who will follow Him and will participate with Him in His ministry.

### A Day of Ministry in Capernaum— Mark 1:21-34

- This day of ministry in Capernaum began in the local synagogue where Jesus was teaching.

⇒ The synagogue was central to religious life, particularly in the regions far from Jerusalem. That Jesus was afforded the opportunity to teach seems to indicate that He was already well-known and well-respected on some level within the area. The uniqueness of His teaching is indicated by the response of the people.

Mark 1:22— *And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.*

- Jesus' teaching was interrupted by a man with an \_\_\_\_\_ spirit.

⇒ Jesus' powerful Word provoked a response from the unclean spirit.

Mark 1:24— *'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.'*

⇒ Jesus then demonstrated His authority over the unclean spirit by silencing it and then driving it out. Once again, it is the response of the people to this event that is highlighted.

Mark 1:27— *And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."*

**Key Point:** As Messiah, Jesus has the authority to \_\_\_\_\_ evil by His powerful Word.

*"This exorcism reveals that God's holiness is not repelled by impurity and tries to be shielded from it, but instead comes to expel it."  
—David Garland, A Theology of Mark's Gospel*

- **Later that day, Jesus and His disciples went to Simon’s home where He continued His ministry.**
  - ⇒ Simon’s mother-in-law was ill with a fever, an illness that was seen by Jews to have theological significance (Deut. 28:22). Jesus’ ability to heal conveyed that He alone could do what God could do.

Mark 1:30-31—<sup>30</sup> Now Simon’s mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. <sup>31</sup> And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.
  - ⇒ Word of all that had occurred that morning in the synagogue had clearly spread throughout the town, and people brought to Him many who were sick and others who were afflicted by demons.

Mark 1:34— And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. .

**Key Point:** As Messiah, Jesus has the power and authority to overcome both the \_\_\_\_\_ infirmities and \_\_\_\_\_ forces that afflict mankind in the world.

“No scene [is] more characteristic of the Christ than that on this autumn evening at Capernaum. One by one the stars had shone out over the tranquil Lake and the festive city, lighting up earth’s darkness with heaven’s soft brilliancy, as if they stood there witnesses, that God had fulfilled His good promise to Abraham. On that evening no one in Capernaum thought of business, pleasure, or rest. There must have been homes of sorrow, care, and sickness there, and in the populous neighborhood around. To them, to all, had the door of hope now been opened. Truly, a new Sun had risen on them, with healing in His wings.”  
— Alfred Edersheim, *The Life & Times of Jesus the Messiah*

### His Devotion & His Mission – Mark 1:35-39

- **Jesus arose early in the morning to prepare Himself in prayer for all that lay ahead.**
  - ⇒ Although much of His time in ministry was spent around others, passages like this remind us that solitary times of prayer were vital for the carrying out of His mission.

Mark 1:35— And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.
- **Jesus understood that His mission was to \_\_\_\_\_ and to be carried out through the proclamation of the Word of the Lord concerning the kingdom of God.**
  - ⇒ Jesus’ interaction with Simon is the first sign that His understanding of His mission will differ from that of His disciples.

Mark 1:38-39—<sup>38</sup> And he said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.”  
<sup>39</sup> And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

**Key Point:** As Messiah, Jesus’ communion with the Father through the Spirit was the true \_\_\_\_\_ of His authoritative preaching and His powerful works.

### Concluding Thoughts

1. **In Christ, we are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

Matt. 28:18-20—<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”
2. **In Christ, we are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

Titus 2:13b-14— ...our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.
3. **In Christ, we can serve in His \_\_\_\_\_ and with His \_\_\_\_\_.**

Eph. 6:14-18—<sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup> and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, <sup>18</sup> praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

Rev. 5:5— And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”