

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

SERVANTHOOD & SACRIFICE IN A SELFIE WORLD

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Sermon Notes

Astonished By Jesus! | Mark 1:21-29
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1. Astonished by His _____ (21-22,27)

2. Astonished by His _____ (v. 23-26)

3. Astonished by His _____ (v. 29-31)

4. Astonished by His _____ (v. 32-34)

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QUESTIONS

ICEBREAKER: What is your favourite food combination?

1. Mark's Gospel informs us that Jesus taught "as one who had authority" [Mark 1:22]. What do you think that meant, and what difference does that make to you [cf. Matthew 5:21-48; Matthew 7:28-29; and Mark 11:27-33]?
2. What do you learn about Jesus' identity from His encounter with the man with the unclean spirit [Mark 1:23-27]? Consult also Acts 2:22; 1 Corinthians 15:24-27; and Colossians 2:15.
3. Jesus frequently confronted the demonic world during His earthly ministry [Mark 1:23-27]. Christians can be guilty of fascination, fear, or failing to take demons seriously. What is a biblically balanced approach to the demonic world? Consider also 2 Corinthians 11:13-15; Ephesians 6:10-20; and Revelation 20:1-10.
4. What do you observe about the early disciples' lives from Mark 1:29-31 that demonstrates how ordinary they were [cf. Luke 5:10; John 1:40-42; and 1 Corinthians 9:5]?
5. Why do you think Jesus prohibited the unclean spirits from speaking about Him [Mark 1:34]? Examine Matthew 8:29; Luke 4:33-36; and Luke 4:41 for more insights.
6. What was the purpose of Jesus' healing ministry [Mark 1:34]? What did it indicate about His identity and mission [cf. Isaiah 53:4-5; Isaiah 61:1-3; and Matthew 8:1-4]?
7. What did you find helpful or challenging about this Sunday's message?

"(Jesus') authority on earth allows us to dare to go to all the nations. His authority in heaven gives us our only hope of success. And His presence with us leaves us no other choice." (John Stott)