

QUESTIONS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

“THE AUTHORITY OF THE KING”

MARK 1:21-28
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1. Why were the crowds amazed at Christ’s teaching?
2. What was different about the response of the people and the response of the demons?
3. How should you respond to the authority of God’s Word?
4. Why were the demons utterly terrified of Christ’s presence?
5. The demons recognized Jesus and were terrified; the crowds witnessed Him and were amazed. The demons believed Him but could not be saved; the crowds refused to believe in Him and, therefore, would not be saved. How is a combination of both terror and amazement necessary for salvation?
6. How are you learning and obeying God’s Word? How are you trusting in Christ alone for salvation? How are you changing by His power to become more Christlike?

Main point: Mark has already highlighted Christ’s authority over Satan, sin, and sinners in verses 12–20. In verses 21–28 Mark continues that theme, specifically focusing on the authority of Jesus’ teaching, the authority of His judgement over demons, and His divine authority demonstrated in miraculous power. He calls you to submit to the authority of His Word, to trust in Him for salvation from judgment and to be transformed into His likeness by His power.

“And Jesus was teaching daily in the temple; but the chief priests and the scribes and the leading men among the people were trying to destroy Him, and they could not find anything that they might do, for all the people were hanging on to every word He said.”
Luke 19:48

“For even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore, it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.”
2 Corinthians 11:4

“Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.”
1 John 3:7-8

