

Good News from Mark

Week 4: Adversarial Affirmation

Sunday, March 30, 2025

Mark 1:21–28 (NLT)

"Jesus and his companions went to the town of Capernaum. When the Sabbath day came, he went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²² The people were amazed at his teaching, for he taught with real authority—quite unlike the teachers of religious law. ²³ Suddenly, a man in the synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, ²⁴ "Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" ²⁵ But Jesus reprimanded him. "Be quiet! Come out of the man," he ordered. ²⁶ At that, the evil spirit screamed, threw the man into a convulsion, and then came out of him. ²⁷ Amazement gripped the audience, and they began to discuss what had happened. "What sort of new teaching is this?" they asked excitedly. "It has such authority! Even evil spirits obey his orders!" ²⁸ The news about Jesus spread quickly throughout the entire region of Galilee."

Authority: _____.

1. _____ **Authority.**

"Three days later they finally discovered him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions. ⁴⁷ All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers."

Luke 2:46–47 (NLT)

2. The _____ **of authority.**

3. _____ **of authority.**

A. Incited the evil spirit to _____ **itself.**

"These people are false apostles. They are deceitful workers who disguise themselves as apostles of Christ. ¹⁴ But I am not surprised! Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light."

2 Corinthians 11:13–14 (NLT)

B. Squeezed _____ **out.**

"For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies."

John 8:44 (NLT)

C. _____ **the possession to end.**

"Then the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all animals, domestic and wild. You will crawl on your belly, groveling in the dust as long as you live. ¹⁵ And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Genesis 3:14–15 (NLT)

4. _____ **of Authority.**

A. Freedom from demonic _____.

B. _____ **of the gospel.**

Who is my _____ **?** _____

What is my _____ **?** _____

What needs to come under Jesus' authority? _____