

Closing Thoughts:

1. Jesus Exercises the Complete Authority of God!

He calls and people follow...

He speaks and demons are cast out...

He opens his mouth and the waves cease...

He declares and the dead are raised...

He touches and diseases flee...

Jesus's use of His authority is governed by his love and compassion for people and his obedience to Father.

2. Jesus invites us to follow Him becoming like Him, so we can do what He did!

The call to discipleship is not a call to *learn something* but *love someone*.... Jesus!

In the process of being with, obeying and loving Jesus we, over time, become like Him.

As we become like Him, we can do the things he did!

2. Jesus ushers in the kingdom of God which provides a foretaste of the age to come!!

"Say to those who have an anxious heart "Be strong, fear not!" Behold your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame man shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy".

Isaiah 35:4-6

Because Jesus's authority is governed by His compassion, love and obedience we can understand and see that.....

Abundant life is found under, and within the authority of Jesus!

"A Day in the Life of Jesus"

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Mark 1:16-34

Introduction

How do demonstrations of Jesus's authority help to spread the gospel?

In the story of Valentinus, how did Jesus demonstrate His authority and what was the result?

1. The Authoritative Call to Follow (v16-20)

"Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men". And immediately they left their nets and followed him".

Mark 1:16-20

"Follow me" - is an authoritative imperative, carrying with it a sense of urgency and importance.

To those men, it wasn't figurative, it meant to literally stop what they were doing, and walk with Jesus wherever he was going.

How would you describe discipleship?

"I will make you become fishers of men" - Is a call to be *with* Jesus, *become* like him so that we can *do* the things he did.

Following Jesus and becoming like him is a *process*.

What did the imagery of fishing and hooks convey in the Old Testament? (see Ez. 12:13, Amos 4:2, Hab. 1:15)

In what way is Jesus changing that?

What does it mean to be a "fisher of men"? How are you currently fulfilling this?

“they left their father (and nets).... and followed Him”

How did these men respond to Jesus’s call to *follow Him*?”

These men didn’t become followers when Jesus called them. They were already following something or someone. Who, or what are you currently a follower of?

Jesus calls them, and us, to be *HIS* followers! If we don’t go where Jesus is calling us to go, are we *actually* His followers?

How do you first “get in” a pool, creek, or the ocean if the water is cold?

In your walk with Jesus are you “all in” or do you just have your TOES in? (Read Philippians 3: 7-9 to read about Paul’s understanding of following Jesus?)

2. The Authoritative Teaching of Jesus (v21-28):

“And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes”.

Mark 1:21-28

Verses 21-34 describe ONE day in the life of Jesus

“They were astonished at his teaching”

were the people at the synagogue “astonished” at Jesus’s teaching?

How did Jesus’s teaching convey a sense of authority?

“And immediately there was a man..... with an unclean spirit”

The word *unclean* literally means “not clean” and the Jewish people would have understood this as, in some way, violating the law of Moses.

The word *unclean* conveys a sense of defilement and separation from that which is holy.

Is it surprising to you, that the demons recognize Jesus before the religious leaders do?

“Be Silent and come out of him”

How does Jesus exercise His authority over the demonic spirit?

Why do you think he commanded the spirit to “be silent”?

This account illustrates that **there is a spiritual world which we cannot see with our physical eyes**. What does this mean for you life today? How might this influence your thinking and your praying?

3. The Authoritative Power over Disease (v29-31):

“And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon’s mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them”.

Mark 1:29-31

“And he came..took her by the hand... and the fever left her”

Jesus demonstrates compassion in the way he heals her.

From the time Jesus took her hand to the time she was on her feet the fever had fled and she was completely healed.

Jesus often demonstrates a sense of compassion in the *way* he heals someone. What does this tell us about Jesus?

4. The Authoritative Power over the Demonic (v32-34)

“That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. 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”.

Mark 1:32-34

“They brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons”

How does this statement help us to understand verse 28 above?

How does Jesus exercise His authority over the demonic in verse 34?