

Jesus Drives Out an Evil Spirit—[Mark 1:21–28](#)

Topics:

Demons, Healing, Miracles, Serving, Sickness

Open It

1. What makes a person a good teacher?
2. *What are some examples of power and authority?
3. What words describe people who have authority?
4. Why do we often feel small around people of power and authority?

Explore It

1. What do Jesus' actions tell us about his beliefs regarding the Sabbath? ([1:21](#))
2. *Why were the people amazed at Jesus' teaching? ([1:22](#))
3. What kinds of teachers were the people accustomed to that caused them to be amazed by Jesus' teaching? ([1:22](#))
4. Why did the man in the synagogue cry out to Jesus? ([1:23–24](#))
5. What did the evil spirit say to Jesus? ([1:24](#))
6. *What do the evil spirit's words tell us about Christ? ([1:24](#))

7. How did Jesus respond to the man possessed by the evil spirit? ([1:25–26](#))
8. How did the evil spirit respond to Jesus' command to leave the man? ([1:26](#))
9. What occurred in the synagogue after Jesus cast out the demon? ([1:27](#))
10. Why did the people describe Jesus' teaching as "new"? ([1:27](#))
11. Why were the people so excited about Jesus? ([1:27](#))
12. *Why did the news about Jesus spread so quickly over the region? ([1:27–28](#))

Get It

1. How does Jesus' teaching differ from the teaching we are used to today?
2. Why should we share the news of Jesus' power and authority with other people?
3. *What does this story tell us about evil spirits and Jesus' power?
4. According to Jesus, how should Christians respond to people controlled by sin?
5. What authority does Jesus have over other areas of life?
6. What makes us fearful of claiming Jesus' power over Satan's footholds in our lives?

7. What is wrong with doubting Jesus' power?
8. How can we show confidence in Christ's power over illness?
9. How can we allow Jesus' power and authority to work in our lives?
10. What specific areas of your life need the transforming power of Jesus?
11. *What area of your life do you need to place under Jesus' power and authority?

Apply It

1. *What is one way you can show submission to Christ's authority in your life throughout this week?
2. What personal need or problem will you ask Jesus, through prayer, to heal this week?
3. What could you do this week for someone who is sick or discouraged?