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Gospel of Mark

- written by John Mark
- accounts from Peter inspired with intention

3 Big Chunks

Galilee – encountering Jesus, who is this?

Jerusalem – disciples struggling to understand

Journey to Jerusalem – how Jesus will fulfill the role of Messiah King

- Mark is cryptic, big picture with carefully chosen stories and details introducing you to Gospel

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So Far:

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

Jesus Baptized

Jesus In Wilderness, Temptation

Jesus Begins Ministry

Jesus Calls Disciples to Follow

Today: see also Luke 4:31-41

Jesus Teaching in Synagogue

Jesus Healing at Peter's House

Setting Helps

- Capernaum on Sea of Galilee (big lake)
- Political Setting
 - Roman Occupation & Oppression
 - Not a democracy, capital punishment, etc.
- Religious Setting
 - System of law and sacrifices, rules & rituals
- World View
 - illness, disease & deformity put you in unclean or 'sinners' class

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1. Jesus Teaching at Synagogue - Mark 1:21-28

“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. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!”

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“And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.”

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a) New Kind of Teacher

- not like the scribes – reading commentary

b) One who has Authority

- speaking with power, certainty, clear

c) Response – Astonished

- Mark included important detail – astonished
- interesting – hearing him amazed them

2. Demons & Disruptions

a) Public and Visible response to Jesus

- in the service
- unclean spirit – I know who you are, what do you want are you here to do?
- ‘be quiet & come out’ – direct orders
- visible removal, ‘convulsed, yelled’ – gone

b) Response – Amazed & Questioning

- who has authority like this?

3. Jesus at Peter's House - Mark 1:29-34

“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. 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.”

a) Heals Peter's Mother in law

- evidence of power over sickness, fever
- see him respond to their request
- detail – she begins to serve them

b) Response of People - Town Turns Up

- evening they bring those needing help
- hope for the oppressed, ill, suffering, social outcasts to be restored – clean once again
- hope for those afflicted with demonic oppression and possession

c) whole city gathered at door

- small town by our standards
- all came to see, experience, investigate
- could not deny the change in friends
- amazed at the authority

d) Did not permit demons to speak

- people needed to respond themselves
- evidence there – Kingdom has arrived

So What?

1. Jesus is engaged in Synagogue

- will see he is not happy with state of things
- but meets people where they are at – teaching
- there on the Sabbath, participating & engaging
- Are we engaging or simply writing off what we see as broken or not relevant?
 - scripture living, active, preached with power brings response to living God

2. Jesus Displays Authority over the Spiritual

- demonic possession & oppression real thing
- there is a spiritual realm, enemy seeking to destroy and deceive.
- Col. 2:9-10 “For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.”
- Matt. 18:18 “Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

3. Jesus Displays Authority over the Physical

- able to heal, restore, make clean the unclean
- Luke 9:1-2 “And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal.”
- how will you respond to Jesus today?
 - amazed and seeking more
 - drawing those you love to meet him
- communion