

Bible reading

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23 Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out,

24 “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

25 “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” 26 The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

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The authority of Jesus

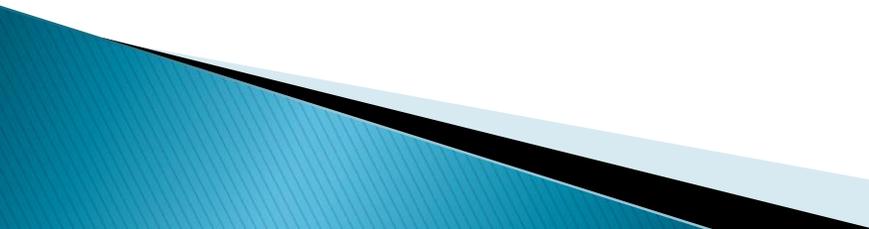
The miracles of Jesus series

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Marks intro to Jesus

- ▶ Jesus is announced, baptized, tempted
- ▶ Jesus begins his mission

Mark 1:4 The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; 5 repent and believe in the gospel.

- ▶ Jesus calls his disciples
 - ▶ Jesus authority is recognized
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Authority

- ▶ Not popular in this time and age
 - Each his own truth
 - All must be subjected to the authority of Self
 - The supernatural is rejected
- ▶ A new “Jesus Jr” is shaped
 - One that always agrees with us
 - serving our personal desires and needs
 - idealized version of ourselves
 - Safe, comfortable, manageable

Jesus teaches with authority

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- ▶ He does not interpret
- ▶ He does not quote others
- ▶ He is the author
 - of his words
 - of the truth
- ▶ Are we amazed, astonished by His words?

Jesus heals with authority

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- ▶ Demon attacks Jesus' authority
- ▶ He is powerful but has no authority
- ▶ And the man? He was healed!

- ▶ Does Jesus know my name?

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- ▶ Amazed by what teaching accomplished:
- ▶ Jesus saved a man from a devil inside him
- ▶ Are we amazed by what Jesus accomplishes?

Do we accept his authority

- ▶ We may fear the authority of others
 - But we have nothing to fear in Jesus authority
- ▶ We may fear the power of demons
 - But Jesus authority reach far beyond their power
- ▶ We may fear our own failures
 - But Jesus has authority over us

Isaiah 43:1: But now, this is what the LORD says— he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

