

Mark | Week 1 | February 22-26

Monday | Mark 1:1-20

Tuesday | Mark 1:21-45

Wednesday | Mark 2:1-28

Thursday | Mark 3:1-19

Friday | Mark 3:20-35

Sermon Text Questions:

1. When Jesus enters the synagogue, he is not one of the recognized teachers, not a priest or scribe or Pharisee who usually taught what “Moses said” or what “Rabbi so-and-so said.” How is Jesus’ teaching different (vs. 21-22)?
2. How else does Mark say that Jesus demonstrates his authority (vs.23-34)?
3. Jesus didn’t stay in one place like John did. Instead, he traveled around Galilee, preaching the good news, and healing many people. But after he heals a leper, why doesn’t he want anything to leak out about that healing (vs. 35-45)?
4. In some countries and in certain situations, some Christians will know that it is better not to attract too much attention to themselves. This isn’t cowardice but wisdom. Why might this be the case with Jesus?
5. How does Jesus respond to the four people making a hole in the roof of his house and letting their paralyzed friend down through it (Mark 2:1-12)?
6. What are the different responses to Jesus’ offer of forgiveness and healing?
7. The phrase “son of man” that Jesus uses in Mark 2:10 comes from Daniel 7, referring to the representative of God’s true people who is opposed by the forces of evil, but God vindicates him, rescues him, and proves him to be in the right and give him authority. How does Mark 2:1-12 continue and extend the theme of authority in Mark 1?
8. Looking over this first chapters of Mark, how does Jesus model for us different aspects of announcing the kingdom of God?
9. In what ways does Jesus authority call us to his tasks - expanding our view of what God can do and is doing – to teach, to heal, and to defeat the forces of evil?