

# Guess Who's Coming to Worship

Mark 1:21-28

We discover who Jesus is by examining what he does. In Mark 1:21-28, we witness the authority of Jesus as he teaches and casts out a demon. His authority was evident in his teaching and proven by his miracles.

## **Jesus taught with authority (21-22)**

Capernaum became Jesus' ministry headquarters after he was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth (Luke 4:16-31).

According to his custom, Jesus enters the synagogue on the Sabbath and begins to teach.

Rather than include the content of his teaching, Mark focused on the reaction to Jesus' teaching.

People were astounded at the authority with which Jesus taught.

## **Jesus delivered with authority (23-28)**

The synagogue service was interrupted by a man possessed by a demon. Rather than remove the troublemaker, Jesus moves to deliver the troubled man.

The demon recognizes Jesus' character and shouts out both his earthly name, Jesus of Nazareth, and his divine name, the Holy One of God.

Jesus rebukes the demon, muzzles him, and tells him to depart from the man.

Not only were people surprised that Jesus taught with authority, but his authority extended to the unseen world!

## **Applications**

Jesus possesses power because of who he is.

If demons are subject to the authority of Christ, how much more should we? Theirs is involuntarily, ours is voluntary.

Amazement is not enough. Faith is essential. All the people were amazed, but not all believed.