

## Who is Jesus? The One With Authority Mark 1:21-28

### The supernatural realm is real

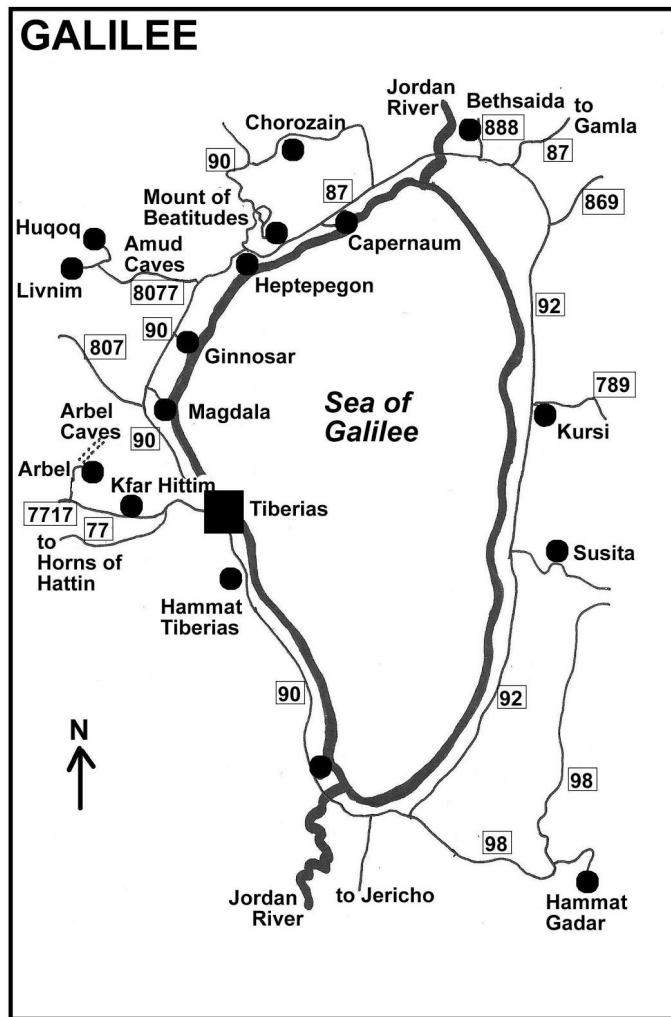
- This exorcism is the first miracle of Jesus recorded in Mark. The first of four exorcisms described - Mark 5:1-20; 7:24-30; 9:14-29
- Demons know who Jesus really is.
  - Demons refer to Jesus as the 'Holy One of God' in this passage, 'Son of God' in Mark 3:11 and 'Son of the Most High God' in Mark 5:7

### Jesus has authority over everything

- Authority – ἐξουσία (exousia) 'authority' – listed 102 times in the New Testament.
  - Definition: authority, power, the right to control or govern; dominion, the area or sphere of jurisdiction; a ruler, human or supernatural.
  - Exousia is translated as "power" about nine times in the NT and as "right" about nine times as well. Most uses in the NT are authority, power, right and jurisdiction.
  - Jesus has authority to heal, exorcise demons, forgive sins, cleanse the temple, calm storms, multiply food resources, and to give that authority to others.
- Authority over the religious leaders.
- Authority over demons and the forces of Satan.
- Authority over His Kingdom.

### RESPONSE: We respond with submission.

- Is Jesus just your Savior or is He also your King? Your Lord?
- If yes, then that means He has authority over your life and has the right to tell you how to live.
- **During this time of worship through music, we can all kneel and acknowledge the kingship and authority of Jesus in our church and in our lives. You are welcome to kneel at your seats or come up front and kneel together.**



## LifeGroup Discussion

1. How have you typically responded to authority? How does that affect how you relate to Jesus? How do you want to grow in your response of submission to Christ as King?
2. How has this passage and sermon impacted your understanding of the supernatural realm? Is this easy or difficult for you to accept? Why?
3. Why do you think they called Jesus' teaching as one with authority?

## Next Steps

1. Respond to Christ's authority by coming to the point of submitting to Him as your Savior, but also your Lord. Come pray with someone about this at the Prayer Points today or come to the Alpha Course this Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the Worship Center Lobby if you have more questions.
2. If you need healing from past wounds, freedom from fears or need to overcome obstacles in your life that could even involve the supernatural realm, then set up an appointment to pray with someone at [prayer@calvarylife.org](mailto:prayer@calvarylife.org).
3. Surrender your heart in a time of extended worship to God this week at Thursday Night Worship, 7:30 pm in the Underground.