

Authority
Let's Go
Mark 1:21-28
2-7-21

We All Have a Foundation of Authority

1. Reason – I live the way I live because of the way I think.
2. Experience - I live the way I live because of the way I feel and what I experience.
3. Tradition – I live the way I live because it's always been done this way.
4. Revelation – I live the way I live because of God's truth.

John 10:27 (NIV) – “Jesus said, ‘My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.’”

Jesus Revealed His Authority Through:

I. His Teachings. (Mark 1:21-22, 27)

John 6:63 – “Jesus said, ‘The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life.’”

Mark 1:21 – “And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue...”

Mark 1:21-22 – “...and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.”

“Astonished at His Teaching”

“One who had Authority”

“Not as the Scribes”

Mark 12:14 (NLT) – “‘Teacher,’ they said, ‘we know how honest you are. You are impartial and don’t play favorites. You teach the way of God truthfully. Now tell us—is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?’”

II. His Authority Over Demonic Spirits. (Mark 1:23-28)

Mark 1:23 – “And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit...”

Mark 1:23-24 – “...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.’”

Mark 1:25 – “But Jesus rebuked him, saying, ‘Be silent, and come out of him!’”

Our Authority Over Demonic Spirits:

1. Test the spirits.

1 John 4:1 – “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.”

2 Corinthians 11:14 – “...for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.”

Acts 17:11 (BLB) – “...The Bereans received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if these teachings were true.”

Hebrews 1:1-2 – “Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by his Son...”

John 5:39 (NIV) – “Jesus said, ‘You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me.’”

John 15:7 – “Jesus said, ‘If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.’”

2. Overcome the spirits.

Matthew 22:29 – “Jesus replied, ‘Your mistake is that you don’t know the Scriptures, and you don’t know the power of God.’”

1 John 4:4 – “He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”

1 John 3:8 – “...The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.”

Romans 8:37 – “In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.”

Mark 1:28 – “And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.”

Going Deeper This Week

1. Read Mark 1:21-28. What hits home with you?
2. Review the four sources of authority. Which have you most trusted? Where are you now?
3. What teachings of Jesus do you find astonishing?
4. Since there are different spirits in the world, what must we learn to do? (Acts 12:11 and Matthew 7:15-20)
5. What are the advantages of being raised in a Christian home? The dangers? How do we stay in awe of Christ Jesus?
6. What evidence shows that demons are active today?
7. Why do demons have better theology than many professing Christians?
8. What evidence is there that Jesus has full authority over your life?