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Abstract

The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—
and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.”
Mark 1:27

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Old Testament Deuteronomy 18:15–20

Psalms Psalm 111

New Testament 1 Corinthians 8:1–13

Gospel Mark 1:21–28ⁱ

Mark 1.21-28

Jesus' healing of a man with an 'unclean spirit' is the first act he does in Mark's Gospel and it is dramatic. He is presenting himself from the start as someone who will be different and will make a difference. Both Jesus' teaching and his actions reveal that he is the 'Holy One of God', and the word begins to spread about him.

What is it about Jesus' words and actions that show authority? What do you need to see to give authority to someone's words?

This week we explore: how we recognise authority.

Slide	Text
	Pre-Service
	Introit Be still and know anon.
	Greeting May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ The Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all and also with you
	We Gather We are called to recognise God's authority and to submit to it in every area of our lives. Let us invite God to direct our thinking and our prayers. Let us give God the highest place in our lives. Let us worship the living God. Words of Acknowledgement <i>Let us pray</i> Almighty God, we recognise that all authority in heaven and on earth belongs to you.

	<p>We pray that you draw near to us today, to impart your truth and show us your way. Amen.</p>
	<p>Hymn/song P&W 527 Be still for the presence of the Lord Evans</p>
	<p>Welcome</p> <p><i>Let us pray</i> Happy and blessed are those who walk in wisdom. Come let us seek the authority and wisdom of the Lord in our reverence and worship of him. Amen.</p>
	<p>Readings Mark 1:21–28 (at least)</p> <p><i>respond</i> For the word of the Lord Thanks be to God</p>
	<p>Hymn/song/video P&W 602 Awesome God Mullins – Video available if needed (Words vary greatly between versions though)</p>
	<p>We say Sorry O God, when Jesus spoke in the synagogue, everyone was astonished by the absolute authority of his words and presence.</p> <p>In today's world, it is so easy to be taken in by someone's words or their favourable, commanding presence.</p> <p>We think, perhaps, of people in the media, the music scene and social networks.</p> <p>But, unfortunately, not everyone's words have integrity or match their actions.</p> <p>O God, help us to discern who to give credence to. Forgive us when our own words or actions don't marry with our calling. Help us to always speak and act with integrity. Help us also, O God, not to jump to conclusions by first impressions, preconceptions or prejudices anything that turns us against people</p>

	<p>who don't quite fit our expectations of them. Yet you may wish to speak through them.</p> <p>Forgive us when we jump to wrong conclusions. Forgive us for judging. Help us to seek your wisdom, to see and hear you in all people regardless of age, appearance or background. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.</p>
	<p>Words of Assurance Lord Jesus, we were all imprisoned in slavery by sin until, by the power of the cross, you set us free. You defeated evil and triumphed over death. By the authority of your holy name, we can now freely approach God's throne knowing our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.</p>
	<p>Hymn/Song TIS 753/AOV You are holy (x2) Harling</p>
	<p>Response</p>
	<p>Hymn/song TIS 726 Be exalted O God (x2) Chambers TIS #636 (SA #39) - "GOD HAS SPOKEN TO HIS PEOPLE, HALLELUJAH!"</p>
	<p>Offering</p>
	<p>Notices</p>
	<p>Prayers for all people</p>
	<p>Lord's Prayer</p> <p>Lord's Prayer</p> <p>Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. AMENⁱⁱ</p>

	<p>Hymn/song P&W 148 various Majesty Hayford</p> <p>Majesty worship His majesty Unto Jesus be all glory Honor and praise Majesty kingdom authority Flow from His throne Unto His own His anthem raise</p> <p>So exalt lift up on high The name of Jesus Magnify come glorify Christ Jesus the King Majesty worship His majesty Jesus who died now glorified King of all kings</p> <p>CCLI Song # 1527 Jack Hayford © 1981 New Spring (Admin. by Crossroad Distributors Pty. Ltd.) CCLI Licence # 389309</p>
	<p>We are sent out</p> <p>Almighty God be with us this week. Meet with us each morning, and in every situation throughout the day, whoever we are with, help us to draw on your strength and wisdom, that we may be faithful and true in following the example and pattern given to us by Jesus. Amen.</p> <p>May the Lord bless us and keep us May His face shine upon us and be gracious to us May he lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace Amen</p>
	<p>Benediction TIS 726 Be exalted O God Chambers</p>
	<p>Thank you</p>

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- ⁱ [*Revised Common Lectionary*](#). (2009). Bellingham, WA: Faithlife.
ⁱⁱ English Language Liturgical Consultation, 1988