

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for June 19, 2016

A New Teaching
Mark 1:21-28

I. The entrance (1:21)

21 And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching.

- They=Jesus, Andrew, Simon, James, John
- Capernaum=Home base for Jesus
- Synagogues
 - Originated in the postexilic community during the intertestamental period
 - A town could establish a synagogue if there were at least ten men
- What happens in synagogues?
 - Utilized on Sabbaths and Feast days for gathering, teaching and praying
 - Old Testament scripture was read and discussed in the synagogue by the men who were present
 - First, law reading, then the prophets, then someone was asked to speak on the texts

II. The expertise (1:22)

22 And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.

- Response of astonishment from the people
- Contrast between Jesus' teaching and the scribes
 - Scribes=experts in the Law
 - Scribes teach by referring to man's interpretations
 - Jesus taught with authority (Sermon on the mount-"I say to you")

III. The encounter (1:23-24)

23 And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, 24 "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."

- Man with unclean spirit=Demon-possessed (Interchangeable in Mark)
Mark 7:25-26, But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. Now the

woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

- “And he cried out” - Not a subtle scene
- ”Us”=Demon speaking on behalf of demonic realm
- 2 extremes to avoid:
 - 1) Completely ignoring or pretending demons do not exist
 - 2) Obsessing over and even blaming demons for everything bad in life
 - Genesis 3:15, I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.
 - 2 Corinthians 4:4, In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.
 - Ephesians 2:1-3, Satan leading world down a path of self-seeking and self-serving, which will lead to wrath from God
 - 1 Timothy 4:1, Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons,
 - 1 Thessalonians 2:18 & 2 Corinthians 12:7, Satan tries to hinder ministry
 - Colossians 2:15, He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.
 - Hebrews 2:14, Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,
 - Ephesians 6:12, For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.
- Demon knew Jesus of Nazareth would/could destroy as the Holy One of God
 - Demons are not dumb! (James 2:19-Demons believe God is one and shudder)
 - Saying someone’s name gains power over them
- “The Holy One of God” for Jesus in contrast with “unclean spirit” for demon
- Jesus’ identity as “The Holy One of God” links Him with the Holy Spirit (1:8)

IV. The exorcism (1:25-26)

25 But Jesus rebuked him saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” 26 And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him.

- Be silent AND come out of him
- Jesus silenced demon to display control of situation (Be silent!)
 - Demon speaking truth but disrupting the synagogue meeting
- Jesus commanded spirit to leave the man
 - No magic, sorcery, ritual or props of any kind
 - Simply spoke authoritatively
- Demon gave final resistance and left the man
 - This final resistance happens through convulsing and screaming
 - Demons were strong (Acts 19:14-16)

V. The excitement (1:27)

27 And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."

- People were amazed again (1:22)
- New teaching with authority
 - Authority over scribes
 - Authority even over spiritual realm
- Jesus' words commanded demons and gained obedience

VI. The expansion (1:28)

28 And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

- Jesus' fame spread throughout Galilee
- He was a local celebrity
- Apparently, no one had been teaching or exorcising demons as He had been