

Authority

- Jesus is an _____
- He is _____ other teachers
 - He stirs up _____
 - He demonstrates the power of _____
 - He _____ those who understand
- Jesus is a _____
- He heals _____
 - He exercises authority over _____

Make it Real

Because of what Jesus has done for me and what I have heard today,

- I will surrender to the authority of Jesus by turning from my sin and trusting Jesus to forgive me, cleanse me, and make me new.
- I will rest in the authority of Jesus knowing that He is in control of all things.
- I will demonstrate my trust in Jesus by confidently standing for truth in the face of opposition.

Personal observations from the message.

1. How would you summarize what you learned in a sentence or two?
2. What was something you didn't know or were reminded of?
3. What point or verse did you find most helpful? Why?
4. What is a question you have?
5. What can you share with someone? Who can you share it with?

Discussion questions from the message.

1. Authority is something we all push against. What examples of fighting against authority do we see around us? In our homes, towns, country . . .

Why is submitting to authority such a struggle for most of us?

2. What made Jesus' teaching so different from the others? Consider the sermon on the mount.
3. How does the demon in verse 23 identify Jesus? Build a "resume" of Jesus so far in the book of Mark. How has he been identified?
4. What did Jesus do to cast out the unclean Spirit? What does this teach us about the words of Jesus?
5. What did Jesus do to heal Simon's mother-in-law? What does this teach us about the power of Jesus?
6. Verse 34 says Jesus did not permit the demons to speak because they knew Him. Why do you suppose he did this?
7. In a culture that fights against authority, how can the authority of Jesus give us confidence?