



A New Authority

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★Does Jesus ever revive me?

Getting Started: Who was the best teacher you had growing up? What made them such a good teacher?

Digging In: Make 20 observations of Mark 1:21-34. Why do you think Jesus started His ministry in the synagogue? What amazed these people about Jesus? How do these verses (1:22, 27, 2:10, 3:15, 6:7, 11:28, 29, 33, 13:34) help you understand Mark's presentation of Jesus' authority? What do these verses (1:24, 1:34, 3:11, 5:7) tell you about the demon's understanding of Jesus? Read these verses and describe what Satan wants to do to people (Matt 4:1, 13:37-39; Mark 4:15; Luke 22:3; John 8:44, 10:10; Acts 5:3; 2 Cor 11:14; Eph 2:1-2; 2 Tim 2:26; 1 Pet 5:8). How does Mark connect this exorcism to Jesus' healing of Simon's mother-in-law? How do these two miracles compare? What does Simon's mother-in-law do after she is healed? Why is this important (see Mark 10:43-45)? How do you picture the scene in vv. 32-34? Why do you think Jesus tells the demons to be silent?

Living It Out: Describe a time when reading the words of Jesus left you deeply disturbed? Describe a time when it seemed that Jesus was confronting you? What did He use to do that (His Word, circumstances, people)? Describe a time when it felt as though Jesus was reviving you? Ask Jesus to reveal any way(s) in which you may not be allowing Him to speak with authority into your life. Give him permission to do so by praying, "Jesus, I want what you want." Tell a friend about any specific changes you desire to make in this area.



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