

## THE AUTHORITY OF THE SON OF GOD

### Mark 1:21–2:12

Discuss review questions from the previous lesson.

#### DAY 1: MARK 1:21-28—JESUS’ AUTHORITY RECOGNIZED

1. Compare the following verses. How was the teaching of Jesus “*not as the scribes*” (1:22)?

Jesus	Others
a. John 14:6; 18:37b	Luke 11:52
b. Matthew 11:28-30	Luke 11:45-46
c. Luke 22:24-27	Mark 12:38-40

#### DAY 2: MARK 1:29-34—HIS POWER DEMONSTRATED

2. After Jesus healed the woman (1:31), what was her response?
3. What do you think motivated her to serve Christ?
4. What does the passage imply that the demons would have said if allowed to speak (1:34)? (See also Luke 4:41.)

#### DAY 3: MARK 1:35-39—HIS MISSION PURSUED

5. Jesus was truly human. In light of this fact, why do you think He found it necessary to go off alone and pray after His encounters with demons?
6. What did Jesus see as His main priority (1:38)? What was it so important? (See Romans 10:14.)

**DAY 4: MARK 1:40-45—HIS COMPASSION EXPRESSED**

7. Read Leviticus 13:45-46, which describes the social fate of a leper. What do you learn about this man from the way he approached Jesus?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. What do you notice about how Jesus responds to this man?

**DAY 5: MARK 2:1-12—HIS AUTHORITY CHALLENGED**

9. How do the religious leaders react to the scene unfolding before them?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. How does the phrase “*questioning in their hearts*” convey more meaning than mere “*questioning*”?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. How does Jesus clarify the real issues at stake?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. What did Jesus “see” (2:5) that He called “*faith*”? (See also Hebrews 11:6.)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. What can we learn from this example of believers working together on behalf of an individual?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
14. How might we follow their example today? (See 1 John 3:16-18.)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
15. What overall result does Mark describe at the close of the passage?

**DAY 6: PARTICIPATE IN CLASS**

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**APPLY** what you have learned. Twice in this passage we see Jesus withdrawing to “a desolate place” to pray (1:35, 45), though throngs of people want and need His help. Even the Son of God needed times alone to connect with His Father and rest. He knew when to say no to the demands of ministry. Are you getting enough time alone to pray and listen to God? If not, how could you change your schedule this week to fit in more time alone with God?