



# Study Guide

## Mark 1:21-45

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### Read Mark 1:21-45

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word **“authority”**? Most of us have seen or experienced abuses of authority. This can cause many negative connotations to the idea of authority. How does Jesus show that authority is not the problem?
2. In what ways does Jesus show authority in this passage?
3. In verses 23-24, a man possessed by a demon has an outburst declaring Jesus as the Holy One of God. Why does Jesus silence the demon for telling the truth? How can Jesus’ authority over evil give us encouragement in the current climate we live in?
4. How are we like the leper? Have you ever struggled with the thought that God does not want to be around you? How does Jesus show the heart of God for our desperate state?

### Read Matthew 11:28-30

5. What does it mean to come to Jesus? Compare life before Jesus to life after Jesus in this passage.

6. Somehow our pride keeps us from admitting what we most need. How can desperation or struggle be an effective tool in our lives?
7. How do the priorities of Jesus remind us of what we should prioritize as well in **Mark 1:35-37**? How does such a priority prepare us well for facing the busyness of the day?
8. In this passage we see two unclean beings — an unclean spirit and an unclean leper. What is the difference in how Jesus deals with them? How should being recipients of God’s grace impact our lives?
9. Jesus suddenly gets quite a bit of attention from the crowds. What was His reaction to them? Why do you think He did this?
10. How does this example of Jesus show us what your priority should be for evangelism?

To further equip you in sharing the gospel with others, we encourage you to take part in our **Share** class on October 4. Register on the Events page of the church website.



**Suggested Reading:**  
**Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers**  
by Dane Ortlund