

## Mark Part 7: Jesus' Authority over the Unseen

<sup>21</sup> Jesus and his companions went to the town of *Capernaum*. When the Sabbath day came, he went into the synagogue and began to teach. <sup>22</sup> The people were amazed at his teaching, for he taught with real **authority**—quite unlike the teachers of religious law. <sup>23</sup> Suddenly, a man in the synagogue who was **possessed by an evil spirit** cried out, <sup>24</sup> “Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” <sup>25</sup> But Jesus reprimanded him. “Be quiet! **Come out of the man,**” he ordered. <sup>26</sup> At that, the evil spirit screamed, threw the man into a convulsion, and then came out of him. <sup>27</sup> Amazement gripped the audience, and they began to discuss what had happened. “What sort of new teaching is this?” they asked excitedly. “It has such **authority! Even evil spirits obey his orders!**” <sup>28</sup> The news about Jesus spread quickly throughout the entire region of Galilee. (Mark 1:21-28 NLT)

### 1. Jesus has the power and \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

The Son **radiates** God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven. (Hebrews 1:3 NLT)

### 2. Demons are \_\_\_\_\_ rebelling against God.

We aren't fighting against *human* enemies but against rulers, authorities, forces of cosmic darkness, and spiritual powers of evil in the heavens. (Ephesians 6:12 CEB)

But when people keep on sinning, it shows that they belong to the devil, who has been sinning since the beginning. But the Son of God came to *destroy* the works of the devil. (1 John 3:8 NLT)

### 3. The power of a \_\_\_\_\_ against demonic strongholds

<sup>14</sup> Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. (James 5:14-15 NLT)

For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. (Jeremiah 29:11 NLT)