

## ***Four Responses To Jesus' Authority*** **Mark 1:16-28**

### ***Disciples respond w/unquestioning obedience to Jesus' call. 16-20***

\*Jesus met several disciples earlier in Judea, see Jn. 1:35ff., Acts 1:22.

\*Why choose these fellows? \*How do they respond? How should we?

### ***Synagogue folks react w/astonishment to Jesus' exposition. 21-22***

\*Jesus' authority (1:11) vs. scribes' (7:8). See Matt. 5:22a, 28a, Jn. 8:38.

\**Astonishment* is a frequent reaction to Jesus, 6:2, 7:37, 10:26, 11:18.

### ***Unclean spirit recognizes Jesus' divine position. 23-26***

\*An unclean spirit: a favorite term for Mark (11x), synonymous with a demon (13x). They = fallen angels, minions of Satan. While rare in OT, not in John, infrequent in epistles, they are common in the Synoptics.

\*Why interrupt with a "loud cry" (Lk. 4:33, Mk. 5:7) and blow its cover?

\*Compare how differently the demons and the sick refer to Jesus.

\*Why silence the demon? See 1:34, 3:11,12

### ***Synagogue folks react w/amazement to Jesus' exorcism. 27-28***

\*Authority over demoniacs create even more *amazement* (10:24,32)

Jesus' authority will soon be seen over sickness, sin, the elements.

\*Word goes out and Jesus becomes a sought out celeb (1:28, 32-34).

