

**Mark 1:16-28**

Jesus' Lordship: A Threat And A Blessing

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The Initial Phase of Jesus' Ministry

**Mark 1:14-3:6**

1:14 Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God...

3:6 The Pharisees went out and immediately began conspiring with the Herodians against Him, as to how they might destroy Him.

- Jesus calls His first disciples 1:16-20; 2:14
- Jesus demonstrates authority 1:22, 27; 2:10
- Jesus creates controversy 2:1-3:6

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**God Is The Fisher of Men**

**Mark 1:16-17** As He was going along **by the Sea of Galilee**, He saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

**Jeremiah 16:16** The Lord God has sworn by His holiness, "Behold, the days are coming upon you when they will take you away with meat hooks, and the last of you with fish hooks (cf. Ezek. 29:4-5; Amos 4:2; Hab. 1:14-17).

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### The Disciples "Left Everything"

Mark 1:18-20 **Immediately** they left their nets and followed Him. Going on a little farther, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who were also in the boat mending the nets. **Immediately** He called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went away to follow Him.

Mark 10:28 Peter began to say to Him, "Behold, we have left everything and followed You."

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### Lesson 1

➤ Are you urgently engaged in the great commission?

Mark 1:15 "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Matthew 28:19-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you...

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### Jesus' Authority Is A Threat

Mark 1:21-22 They went into Capernaum; and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and began to teach. They were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

"Truly I say to you..." 14 times in Mark!

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### The Sea and Jesus' Authority

- Mark 1:16 Authority to call "fishers of men"
- Mark 4:39 Calms "the Sea"
- Mark 5:13 Sends unclean spirits into "the Sea"
- Mark 6:48 Jesus walks on "the Sea"

Job 9:8 Who alone stretches out the heavens and tramples down the waves of the sea.

Psalm 89:9 You rule the swelling of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them.

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### The Demons "Know" Jesus

Mark 1:23-24 Just then there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, saying, "What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"

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### Think About It:

- The demons knew exactly who Jesus was yet did not "trust" Him!
- Many people today know who Jesus is, but they don't "trust" Him!

James 2:19 You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.

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### Jesus Is Lord Of All!

Mark 1:25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!"

Mark 4:39 And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Hush, be still." And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm.

Phimao = to silence or to make still

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### Jesus' Lordship Is A Threat

Mark 1:26-28 Throwing him into convulsions, the unclean spirit cried out with a loud voice and came out of him. They were all amazed, so that they debated among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him." Immediately the news about Him spread everywhere into all the surrounding district of Galilee.

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### Challenge

**Is Jesus' Lordship a threat or a blessing to you?**

- Do you "trust" Him?
- Are you obedient to Him?
- Is He "Lord of all" to you?



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