



# Authority

## Mark 1:21-28

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1. Rank the following news sources (1 to 10) in order of credibility. 10 meaning: "I have complete confidence." 1 meaning: "Makes fake news look credible."

CNN FOX News CBS ABC Snopes Merced Sun-Star The National Enquirer People Time

2. Same scale and question:

Facebook Mom Dad the guy next door Twitter Wikipedia Encyclopedia Britannica my doctor

3. What gives a source of information credibility? What makes it trustworthy?

### WHAT THE CONGREGATION HEARD - verses 21,22

1. What does it mean that Jesus taught "as one who had authority"? Why was the congregation so "astonished" by this?
2. What do these verses help you to understand about Jesus?
3. What gives a teacher and/or preacher credibility (or not)? What makes them trustworthy (or not)?
4. These days, what are you doing to understand and process God's word to you? How is that going for you?

### WHAT THE CONGREGATION SAW - verses 23-26

1. What do these verses help you to understand about Jesus?
2. Do Christians have authority over demons? Why or why not?
3. Where does our authority over demons come from? Why?
4. Why does the Name of Jesus have such authority? (extra credit if you back up your answer with Scripture)
5. These days, what are you doing to submit to Jesus' authority over your life? How is that going for you?

### HOW THE CONGREGATION RESPONDED - verses 27,28

1. How did the congregation respond to what they had heard and seen?
2. What if Jesus was speaking at Creekside and the same thing happened. Do you think people would respond the same way today? Why or why not?
3. And yet... (thinking about your answer to question #2) we know the "good news of Jesus" and we have the word of God (the Bible), why do you think the "fame" of Jesus is not spreading in the same way it seems to have spread in verse 28? Or is it?

### BONUS QUESTIONS

1. These days, what does it look like for you to listen to Jesus?
2. These days, what does it look like for you to trust Jesus?