

SERMON NOTES

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Text: Mark 1:21-39

Title: A Day in the life of Jesus

Big Idea: Jesus teaches with authority, casts out demons, heals the sick, and is committed to prayer and preaching.



I. JESUS' AUTHORITY (1:21-28)

A. Teaching (vv. 21-22)

“And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.” (v. 22)

B. Casting out demons (vv. 23-26)

“When Jesus casts out demons, it shows that the kingdom of God is advancing, driving back the power of the enemy over people’s lives.” (ESV Study Bible)

II. JESUS HEALS MANY (1:29-34)

A. Healing Simon’s Mother-in-law (vv. 29-31)

“When she's healed by Jesus, Simon's mother-in-law does what the angels did in the wilderness (v. 13): she serves Jesus. She's a model Christian saved to serve (see 10:45).” (Dave Griffith-Jones)

B. Evening Healings and Exorcisms (vv. 32-34)

Mark reminds you and I today that Jesus’ healing power is still available to us; He cares about our physical and spiritual well-being.

III. JESUS' COMMITMENT TO PRAYER (1:35-37)

“Four verbs (rising/departed/went/prayed) emphasize Jesus’ resolve to have fellowship with his Father.” (ESV Study Bible)

IV. JESUS' COMMITMENT TO PREACH (1:38-39)

Jesus wasn’t rejecting doing more at Capernaum. He was showing the URGENCY to continue moving outward to the whole of Galilee. His ministry was to proclaim the kingdom of God.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

To be used for personal reflection and/or sermon-based small group discussion.

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READ Mark 1:21-39

What stands out to you from the passage, what impacts you most, or draws your attention?

Is there anything that is difficult to understand in the text, or a question you would like to ask the writer of the passage or the Lord?

Where is Christ in this passage? How does this passage relate to the person, nature, character or work of Christ? Luke 24:44 says all of Scripture is about Christ. So, how does this passage help you see more of who Christ is, what He has done, or allows you to love Him more?

What was the difference between Jesus' teaching and that of the "teachers of the law" whom the people were used to hearing (1:22)?

According to the demon-possessed man (1:23-24), who was Jesus and why had He come?

After preaching and healing in one town and before heading for another, what did Jesus do (1:35)? Why do you think He needed to do this?

PRAY

Praise King Jesus for his authority to teach, to drive out evil from the world, and to heal diseases. Praise him that in God's future kingdom, there will be no more spiritual or physical suffering. Pray that Jesus' fame would spread quickly in your region, and for God's kingdom to come!¹

¹ *Explore Mark* by Dave Griffith-Jones