

Screenshots of Jesus

A companion study to the podcasts of Amber Albee Swenson

Lesson Two: Mark 1:21-45

Let's talk about Jesus' authority. This touches on what we talked about in lesson one in regard to the kingdom of God. That lesson was about letting God rule and reign in your heart and allowing him to have the final say. In this lesson we see Jesus had authority over the demons and he taught with authority.

He taught with authority because he knew everything. He was there from the beginning. He saw Adam and Eve. He walked with all the kings in the Old Testament. He could definitively say what happened because he understood what happened far better than anyone reading about the events.

Read Mark 4:35-41; Proverbs 21:1 and Colossians 1:15-18.

1. What all does Jesus have authority over?

2. Imagine having someone teach you who has that kind of authority. How would that change the tone of the discussion?

We get the same wisdom every time we read the Bible, because the Bible is God's Word and God is the ultimate authority. Nothing is new under the sun. The temptations and struggles we face are the same even if the circumstances are slightly different. Do you know how to get the most of out God's word?

Read these passages: James 1:5; Deuteronomy 6:7 and Acts 8:30-35.

3. What are some good steps to get the direction we need when we read Scripture?

4. Praying is an unbelievable opportunity. Read these passages and write down the blessings we have in prayer.

Hebrews 4:14-16-

“Let us
go
some-
where
else, so
I can
preach
there
also.
That is
why I
have
come.”
Mark
1:38

Ephesians 3:20-21-

Luke 1:37-

Romans 8:26-27

5. Read Hebrews 11:6. What two elements must we have when we pray in order for God to answer our prayers?

What word from that passage describes how we are to seek God (go to him in prayer)?

6. Jesus was indignant when he healed the man. Why was he annoyed?

7. Think of the way sin affects your life and relationships. How does sin complicate things?

8. Note the mercy God had on the priests. He wanted them to know about the man being healed. It's important that we are bold in telling others what God has done for us. Who needs to know your story? How can you be bold to tell it?

Big Idea: God loves you so much he reveals himself and his way of doing things in his Word. He is always waiting, always thrilled when you turn to him in prayer. Make Bible study and prayer part of your days and soon you will want to tell others about the things he is showing you and doing for you!

Action Item: Decide when you want to read the Bible. Will it be for a few minutes when you wake up, on your lunch hour, before going to bed? Who would do a Bible study with you? Is there a Bible study you could join?

Prayer: God, thank you for your Word. Help me to make it a priority. Remind me that you want to hear from me and are eager to answer my prayers. Forgive me for turning to things that will never fill me up and lead me back every time I fall. Amen.