

Mark 1:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.

Analysis

They were all amazed saying What thing is this what new doctrine is this for with authority commandeth he even unclean spirits and they obey. Amazed indicates shock wonder. What thing is this questioning unprecedented event. New doctrine teaching *didachē* refers to both content and demonstration of authority. Jesus teaching validated by power. With authority *exousia* emphasizes Jesus inherent right and power. He commands present active demonstrates ongoing authority. Even unclean spirits acknowledges exorcism more difficult than teaching humans. They obey spirits have no choice. Jesus word is efficacious accomplishes what it declares. Crowds recognize this is qualitatively different from scribal teaching. Reformed theology affirms divine word power Word and Spirit work together in conversion sanctification.

Historical Context

This response contrasts with scribes who taught without power. Crowds discern qualitative difference between human religious instruction and divine authority. Jesus teaching and miracles mutually reinforcing. He did not separate word and deed proclamation and demonstration. Prophets performed signs but none with this frequency authority scope. This event established Jesus reputation spread rapidly. Nazareth rejection contrasts sharply with Capernaum amazement. Same

Jesus different responses highlight human responsibility in receiving or rejecting revelation. Early church continued pattern teaching with signs following though not all had apostolic miracle-working gift.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. What does the integration of Jesus teaching and power demonstrate about kingdom ministry?
2. How should the church balance word ministry and demonstration of Spirit power?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	ἐθαμβήθησαν	παντές,	ὥστε	συζητεῖν	πρὸς			
And	amazed	all	insomuch that	they questioned	among			
G2532	G2284	G3956	G5620	G4802	G4314			
αὐτῷ	λέγοντας	τις	ἐστίν	τοῦτο	τις	ἡ	διδασχὴ	
him	saying	What thing	is	is this	What thing	G3588	doctrine	
G846	G3004	G5101	G2076	G5124	G5101		G1322	
ἡ	καινὴ	αὕτη,	ὅτι	κατ'	ἐξουσίαν·	καὶ	τοῖς	πνεύμασιν
G3588	new	this	for	with	authority	And	G3588	spirits
	G2537	G3778	G3754	G2596	G1849	G2532		G4151
τοῖς	ἀκαθάρτοις	ἐπιτάσσει	καὶ	ὑπακούουσιν	αὐτῷ			
G3588	the unclean	commandeth	And	they do obey	him			
	G169	G2004	G2532	G5219	G846			

Additional Cross-References

Luke 9:1 (Parallel theme): Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.

Mark 7:37 (Parallel theme): And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

Matthew 15:31 (Parallel theme): Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.

Matthew 9:33 (Parallel theme): And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.

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