

# Jesus is King | A Series through the Gospel of Mark

## A New Kind Of Teaching

**Text: Mark 1:21-28**

Synopsis: Jesus came with a new kind of teaching—one that transforms lives.

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And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. (Mark 1:21)

### **Part of what it means to follow Jesus is to follow His teaching**

And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. (Mark 1:22)

Scribes were highly esteemed scholars and experts in the Torah.

Jesus' was different (astonished) in that his teaching came with *authority*.

### **Jesus' words are trustworthy**

For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. (John 12:49)

Now, if anyone said this today, we would think them crazy. That was C.S. Lewis' famous argument: **In a world where trust in people's words has eroded, Jesus' words are authentic to the source, true, and trustworthy.**

### **Jesus' words are refreshing**

Since scribes passed down tradition, it could feel like mere information transfer.

**Today we may feel stuck. We don't need social media, news pundits, or political satire. We need the prophetic words of Jesus to awaken us once again.**

### **Jesus' words are transformative**

And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, **24** "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." **25** But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" **26** And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. **27** And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." **28** And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee. (Mark 1:23b-28)

Jesus liberates someone from oppression, and the crowds associate it with his teaching authority. **Today so many words can feel useless and irrelevant. Jesus' words will change you.**

Jesus' words are trustworthy, refreshing, and transforming.

“The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.” (John 6:63)  
Listening to them will set you free. How do you do that?

### **1. We Immerse Ourselves in Jesus' Words**

John 15:7 “If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”

### **2. We Read the Bible in Light of Jesus**

Avoiding...

- Answer-Book Only Syndrome
- Red Letter Christianity

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me (John 5:39)

### **3. Sing. The reason we sing?**

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. (Colossians 3:16)

Breathe in His Words, exhale in Praise.