

The 3<sup>rd</sup> amazing quality of Jesus that ought to increase our faith is that ...

### 3. He had Unlimited Authority (v.27-28)

#### a. The people were amazed at what they saw.

- 1) The people knew the demons were very powerful. Many demon possessed people were so strong that no man would contain them. We find an example of a demon possessed man in Mark 5:4. "*Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him.*" Jesus had power beyond any they had ever seen before.
- 2) The people were fearfully amazed. The word "*amazed*" literally describes one who astonished, terrified or frightened. They were so shocked at being near one who had such powerful authority that it actually frightened them.
- 3) The people *questioned* or disputed among themselves as to Jesus' mighty power and his new doctrine. The unlimited authority of Jesus truly astonished them.

#### b. Amazement caused them to tell others of Jesus.

- 1) Those who saw what was done immediately told everyone they met.
- 2) The entire region around about Galilee soon buzzed with talk about Jesus the powerful teacher who had unlimited authority over demons.
- 3) As you read about Jesus' miracles and as you read in the Bible of the power of God displayed in other ways, this will increase your faith in God. (Romans 10:17) "*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*"

**Conclusion:** The amazing qualities of Jesus (His unique teaching, His being God, and His unlimited authority) ought to increase your faith. Jesus was not just a good man. He was God the Son. He came to earth to pay for our sins so that He might give believers cleansing and eternal life. He wants to save you from hell. If He has already saved you, He wants you to trust Him for your daily needs.

**Song:** Only Trust Him - 252

# Amazing Qualities of Jesus

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**Introduction:** We live in an amazing age. I find Skype to be one of the most amazing developments. To think that while I talk to my parents on the opposite side of the world, we can actually see each other as we talk. That is amazing.

In the 1<sup>st</sup> Century, Jesus also did many amazing things that shocked those around Him. He did those things to authenticate His ministry.

**Transition:** In this section of Scripture are **three amazing qualities** of Jesus that ought to increase our faith in Him.

The 1<sup>st</sup> amazing quality of Jesus that ought to increase our faith is that ...

### 1. He had an Unique Teaching Ability (v.21-22)

Mark moves quickly in his narrative. From the sea shore he goes right to the coastal town of Capernaum where Jesus taught extensively on the Sabbath in the synagogue. [A Jewish religious meeting house.]

The people were amazed at his doctrine (i.e., teaching). His was unique, both in **what** He taught and **how** He taught.

#### a. What: Christ taught the Scriptures

- 1) The scribes' teachings were shallow.
  - a) They frequently quoted rabbis (i.e., Jewish scholars).
  - b) They taught commandments of men. Later Jesus said of them, (Mark 7:7-9) "*Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.*" They laid aside God's commands and taught religious traditions.
  - c) The synagogue services of Jesus' day were very similar to many of the shallow church services of our day. They prayed, read the Bible and made a few nice comments, but gave no real challenge.
- 2) Being the author of the Bible, Jesus explained scripture to them perfectly. One preacher wrote that Jesus' teaching was superior in three ways: 1) HE SPOKE WITH ORIGINALITY;

2) HIS ILLUSTRATIONS WERE ABUNDANT AND SIMPLE; 3) HIS APPLICATIONS WERE CLEAR AND POINTED.

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## b. How: Christ taught with authority

- 1) He knew the Scriptures inside and out. He knew exactly what each Scripture meant and He taught it in truth. He did not need to quote anyone for support.
- 2) He taught with conviction, power, boldness, and plainness. He spoke with the wisdom of an authority. Being the living Word of God, His words cut men to the heart. (Hebrews 4:12) "*For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*" His words convicted sinners, pointed to God's salvation, and called to repentance and faith.
- 3) Ray Stedman states, "HIS WORDS WERE SO INSIGHTFUL, SO TRUE TO THE EXPERIENCE AND INNER CONVICTIONS OF THE MEN AND WOMEN THERE THAT THEY NODDED THEIR HEADS, 'OF COURSE!' AND KNEW WHAT HE SAID WAS TRUE."
- 4) As a result of His teaching the people were *astonished* (i.e., struck with amazement) at his doctrine or teaching. They had never heard anything like it before.

📖 *The unique teaching ability of Jesus ought to amaze us and increase our faith in Him as well. Study what Jesus said. Let the message of the Bible convict your heart; then obey it and let it change your life. His Word is life-changing!*

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## 2. The Demons Recognized Him as God (v.23-26)

People then and today question who Jesus really was, but the demons did not question. They knew.

### a. The demons immediately recognized Jesus as God.

- 1) Demons are real and super-human in power.
  - a) They are fallen angels who work with Satan.
  - b) Demon possession is not a joke. Demons have the power to take over a person's life at times and do super-human feats, and even talk in a different voice. Harry Potter and all forms of witchcraft and the

occult are very dangerous.

- 2) The demons responded with alarm when they saw Jesus (v.23). They knew who Jesus was (v.23). The demons knew Jesus will one day cast them into the lake of fire. (James 2:19) "*Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.*" The demons recognized Jesus as their Sovereign.
- 3) They called Him the *Holy One of God*. Holy means to be set apart from all that is sinful. Jesus is holy because He is God. John's Gospel calls Him the "Word". (John 1:1) "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*" Thomas the disciple of Jesus called Him God. (John 20:28) "*And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.*" Jesus claimed to be the eternal "I AM". (John 8:58) "*Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.*"

📖 *We too ought to recognize Jesus as God.*

### b. The demons submitted to Christ's commands.

- 1) Jesus rebuked the evil spirits and gave them two commands (v.25-26).
  - a) He commanded, "*hold thy peace.*" In the original language that means be muzzled or be silent. He commanded them to allow their mouths to be held shut. Immediately, they said no more words.
  - b) He commanded, "*come out of him.*" Verse 26 describes their rebellious obedience. (Read) The word "*torn*" means they threw him into convulsions. Then *they cried with a loud voice* but not with words. Finally, they came out of the man. They knew they MUST obey, but they did not do so cheerfully.
- 2) Jesus had unchallenged power over those mighty demons because He is God. Jesus was never a created angel as were the demons. Jesus is not Michael the arch angel as some religions teach. Jesus has always existed. Jesus is God Almighty, the second person of the Trinity.
- 3) The fact that Jesus is God is an amazing quality that sets Him far above all other beings.