

# The Kingdom of God has come near; Repent and believe the good news!

Hempfield United Methodist Church

*"Live Like Christ"*

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## Jesus casts out a demon

Mark 1:21-28

21 And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. 22 **And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority and not as the scribes.** 23 **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**

What does this Bible passage mean? (Why did the author write it?)

The kingdom of God is here and Jesus has all \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 12:28

Matthew 28:18

Ephesians 1:19-21

How can we know that it is true? (How is it verified?)

The evidence shown in God's people! (1 John 3:8-9), and in Christ's victory over Satan

What difference does it make? (How does it affect our lives?)

1 John 5:3-4

Our response to the authority of Jesus - submit & surrender to him because of his love!

How does your life reflect the authority of Jesus Christ?

# Sermon Notes

## Application for Abundant Living

In what areas of your life do you find it difficult to fully submit to Jesus?

Identify one area of your life that you want to specifically turn over to Jesus. Spend some time praying about this. Ask for God's grace to grant you the wisdom and strength to be fully surrendered to him in this area. (It could be your work, marriage, relationship, finances, your parenting, entertainment, free time, etc.)

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## Scripture for Further Study

Read Matthew 5-7, "The Sermon on the Mount" - How does Jesus teach with authority? Name some ways that Jesus' teaching is completely the opposite of what you would hear from our culture.

Think of a time when you saw these commands being lived out practically.

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## Questions for Group Discussion

What is more impressive to you - a great sermon or a miracle being performed?

How do you define authority?

In what area of your life do you have the most trouble surrounding to God? Why?

How have you seen the kingdom of God manifested this week?

How can this small group make God's kingdom a reality for someone this month?