

Mark 1:14-28

The next section reveals the authority of Jesus:

1. Proclaims the kingdom (1:14-15)
2. Calls disciples (1:16-20)
3. Casts out demons (1:21-28)
4. Heals the sick (1:29-34, 40-45; 2:8-12)
5. Forgives sins (2:5)

The response Jesus receives is opposition to his authority from the religious leaders:

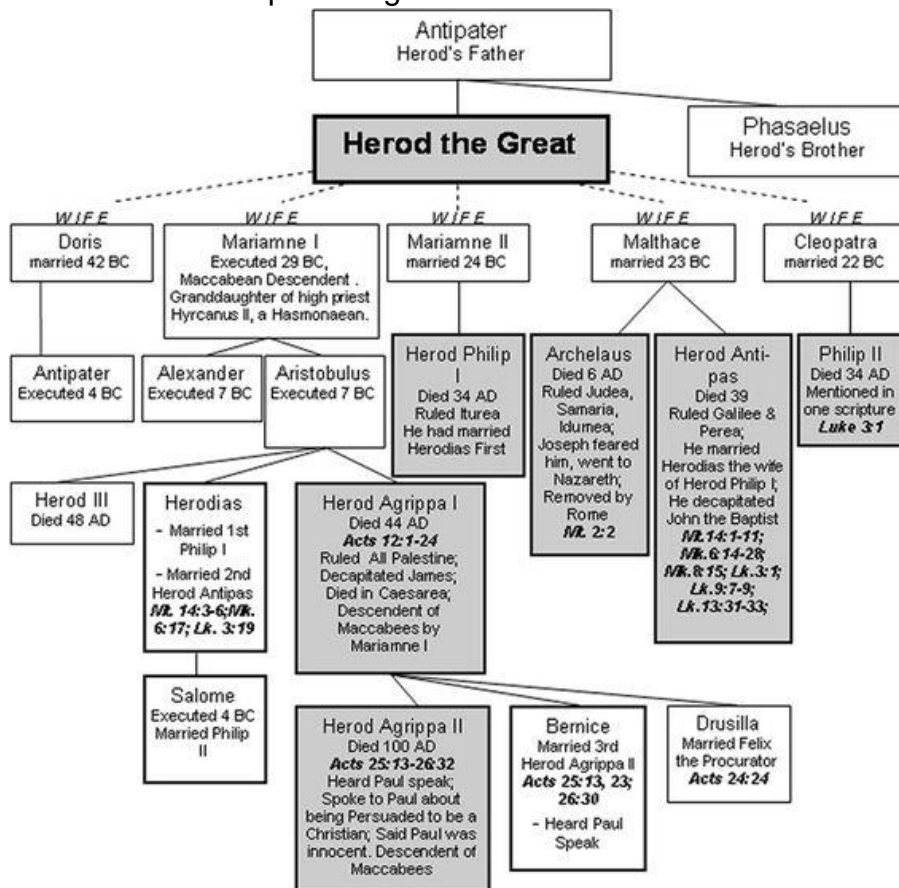
1. Blasphemy (2:7)
2. Associates with sinners (2:16)
3. Violates the Sabbath (2:24; 3:2)

Ends with a play to take his life (3:6)

Section 1: Proclaims the Kingdom (1:14-15)

1:14 – **“Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God,**

1. Mark passes by the story of John condemning Herod Antipas and Jesus returning from the wilderness.
2. Mark uses John the Baptists arrest as a time stamp to identify when Jesus’ ministry began
3. Details of John and Herod Antipas are given in Mark 6:14-29



4. Galilee was Jewish territory and very nationalistic, faithful to Israel, but filled with Romans and Gentiles

1:15 – **“and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”**

1. Jesus announces the time has come, the time is now, the hour has come...it is time for God's reign on the earth to begin
2. God's kingdom, the Lord's reign, was about to begin, it was at hand
3. Since the time was now, it was time to repent and return to the Lord and believe this good news that time was going to change, that this was a turning point
 - a. that from this day on history would be marked by this event.
 - b. Time would be known as before the king and the kingdom came and the time after the king and the kingdom came.
4. Believe and begin to see and understand the kingdom of God
5. How had it come?
 - a. One, the king Jesus had arrived
 - b. Two, the kingdom message and power had come to those who believed and it would continue to grow from there
 - c. Three, Jesus came in power and authority which stopped Satan and the forces of evil wherever Jesus and the Gospel went
 - d. Four, this was the beginning of the last days, the eschatological age. The end times had started...the end times would not begin again later, they would merely be finished.

Section 2: Calls disciples (1:16-20)

1:16 – **“Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.**

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1:17 – **“And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”**

1. Since they were fisherman Jesus uses that as an example of the ministry they would join. But, other occupations would also be used for illustrating the ministry:
 - a. Farming and the farmer
 - b. Construction and the builder
 - c. Harvesting and the reaper
 - d. Sheep and the shepherd
 - e. Steward and household (estate) management
 - f. Servant

2. “follow” meant “walk with”, but it had become a verb meaning follow in an ethical sense. Thus, the students of the rabbi walked behind their rabbi

1:18 – **“And immediately they left their nets and followed him.**

1:19 – **“And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets.**

1:20 – **“And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.**



**White Limestone blocks
of 300's AD Synagogue**

**Basalt stone walls of the first century
Synagogue where Jesus taught in 30 AD**



**Inside the Capernaum Synagogue that was built in the 300's AD
on top of the 30 AD basalt stone synagogue**

Section 3: Casts out demons (1:21-28)

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

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

1:23 – “And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out

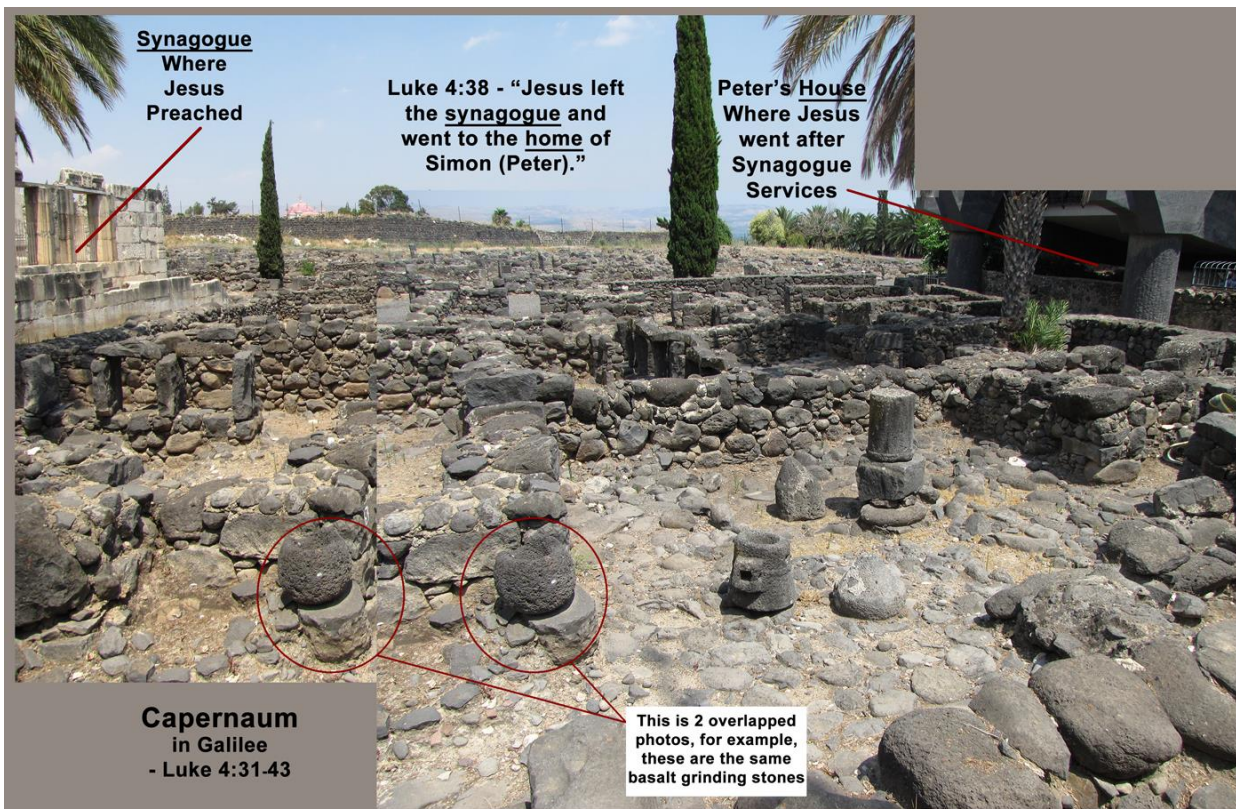
1:24 – ““What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.”

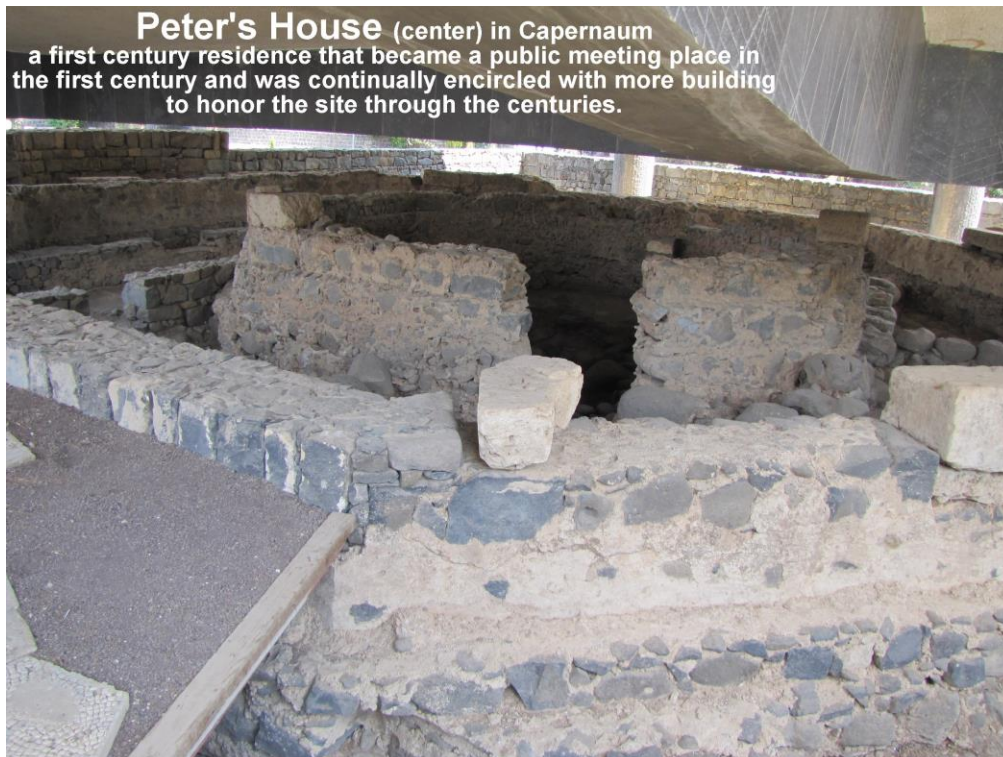
1:25 – “But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!”

1:26 – “And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him.

1:27 – “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.”

1:28 – “And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.





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Section 4: Heals the sick (1:29-34, 40-45; 2:8-12)

1:29 – **“And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.**

1:30 – **“Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her.**

1:31 – **“And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.**

1:32 – **“That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons.**

1. The two previous miracles had taken place on the Sabbath (one in the synagogue; one in Peter's home)
2. Now the Sabbath is over when the sun sets and the sick and demon oppressed are brought to Peter's front door

1:33 – **“And the whole city was gathered together at the door.**

1:34 – **“And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.**

(Also, 1:40-45 and 2:8-12)

Section 5: Forgives sins (2:5)