



2010 Lenten Meditations

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Tuesday, February 23 **Mark 1:14-28**

“He taught them as one who had authority...” Today’s scripture mentions this authority twice in fourteen lines. Jesus’ teaching had a **new** authority. Several versions of the Bible have slightly different verbiage for Mark 1 verse 22:

“And they were astonished at His doctrine: for He taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.” (King James Version)

“The people were amazed at His teaching, because He taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.” (New International Version)

“They were surprised at His teaching—so forthright, so confident—not quibbling and quoting like the religion scholars.” (The Message)

Before Jesus, the stories of the Bible were handed down orally for years. When they were finally written down, they were printed by man’s hand. God breathed the scriptures but it was not until Jesus came to interpret the teaching for us that the meaning became clear and available to all. That **was** good news!

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