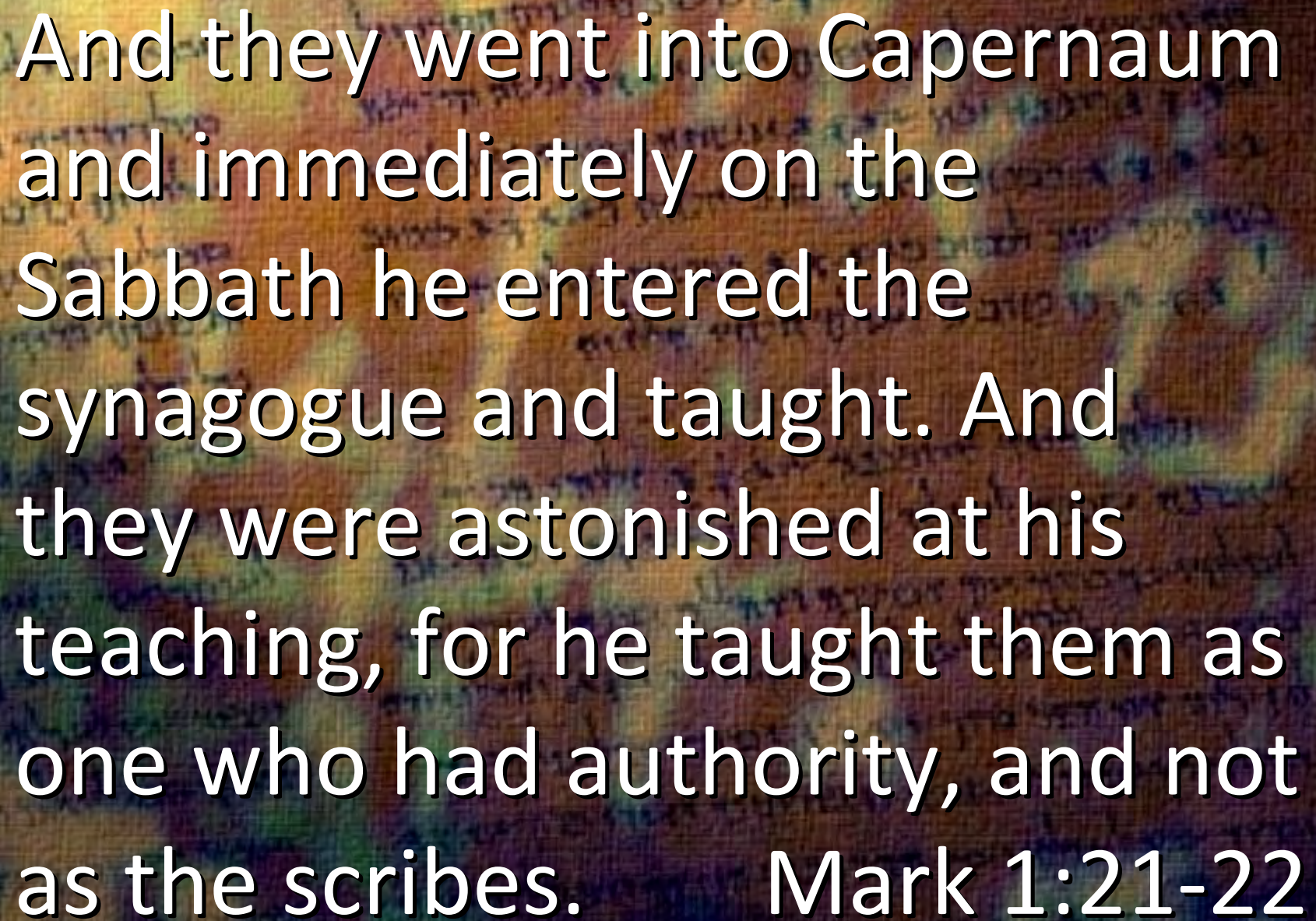


The Servant King



The story of the *King*... who came to *serve*.



And they went into Capernaum and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. Mark 1:21-22

1st Mark of Authority

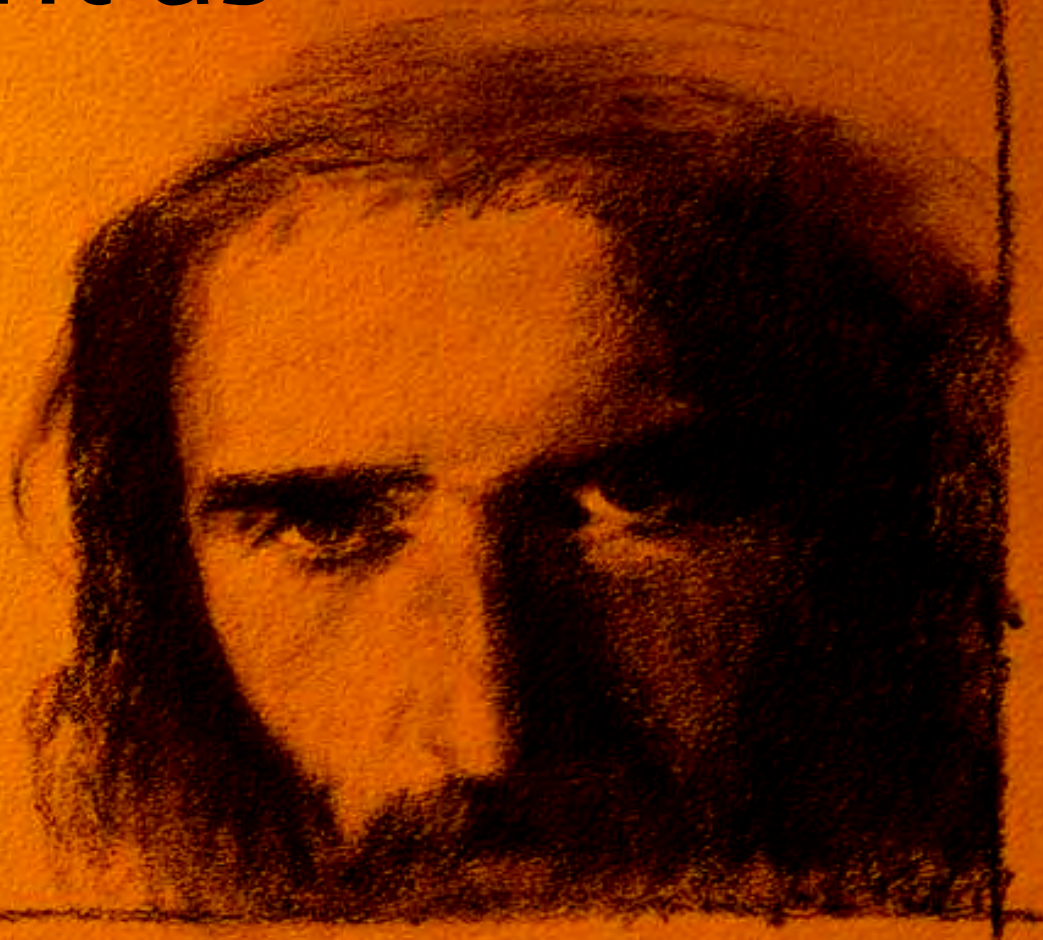
Jesus taught as

one who

lived and

authored

truth.



If you were to take the sum total of all authoritative articles ever written by the most qualified of psychologists and psychiatrists on the subject of mental hygiene,

*if you were to combine them
and refine them and cleave out
the excess verbiage, if you were
to take the whole of the meat
and none of the parsley,*

and if you were to have these unadulterated bits of pure scientific knowledge concisely expressed by the most capable of living poets, you would have an awkward and an incomplete summary of the Sermon on the Mount. And it would suffer immeasurably through comparison.

*For nearly two thousand years
the Christian world has been
holding in its hands the
complete answer to its restless
and fruitless yearning. Here
rests the blueprint for successful
human life, with optimum
mental health and contentment.*

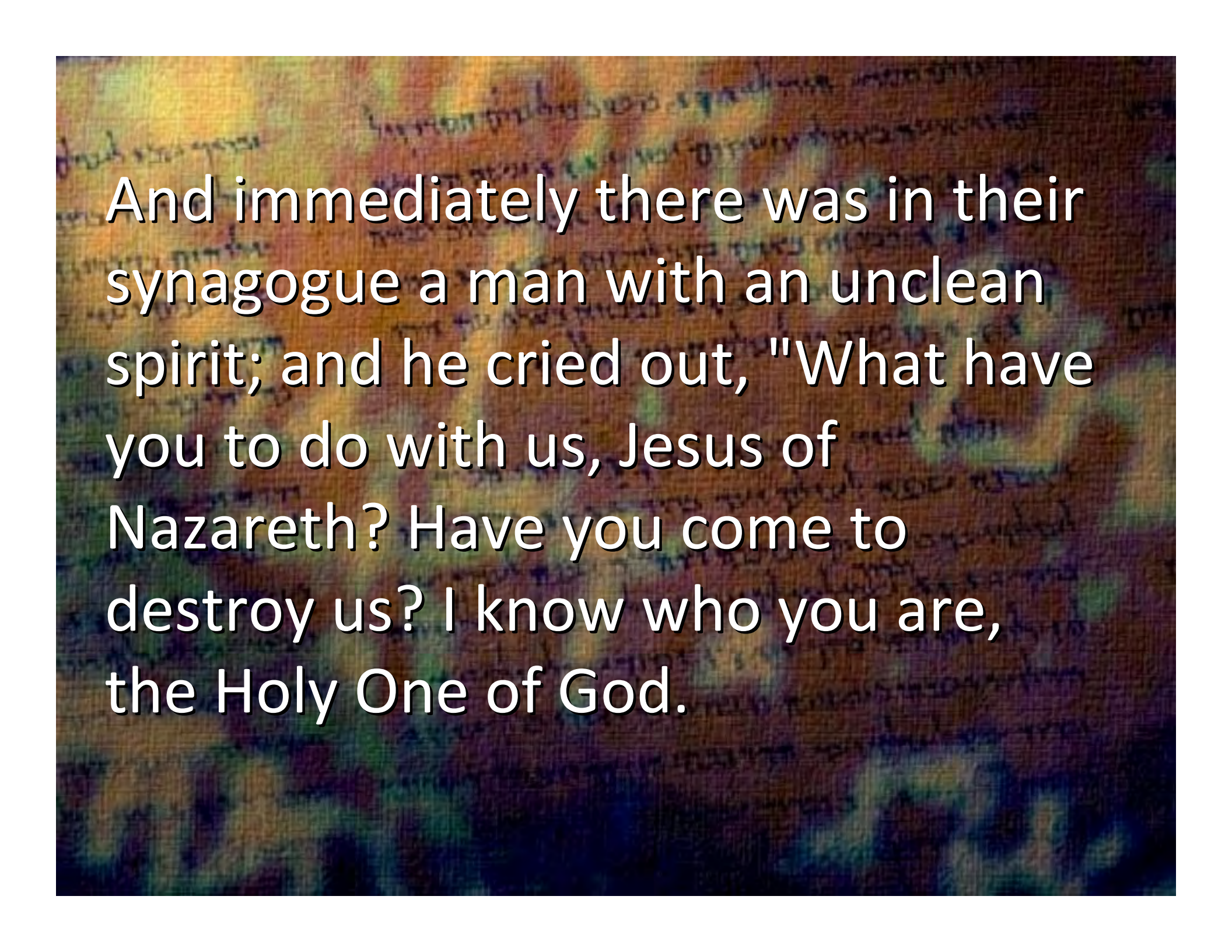
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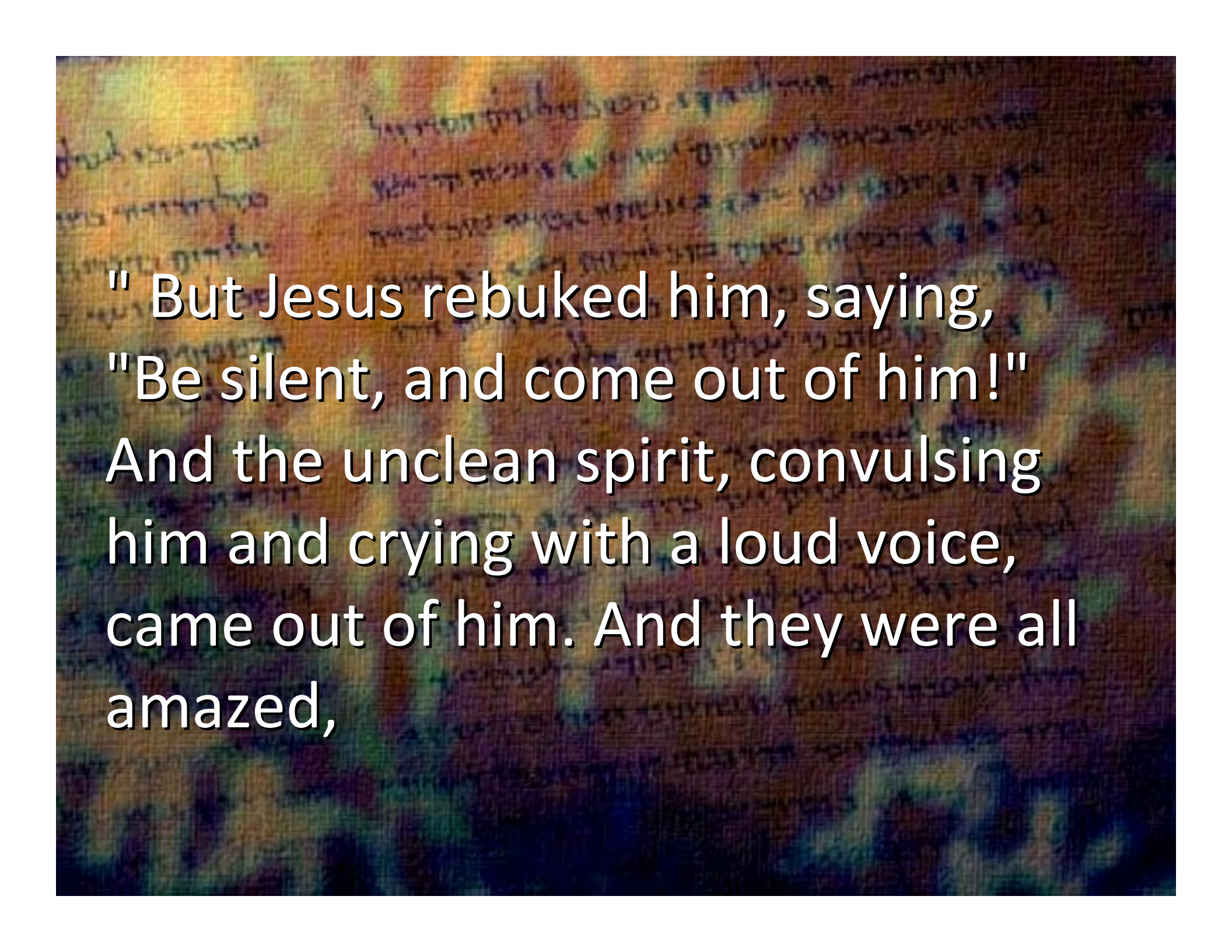
Theme of this Authority:

Power in concert with Humility.

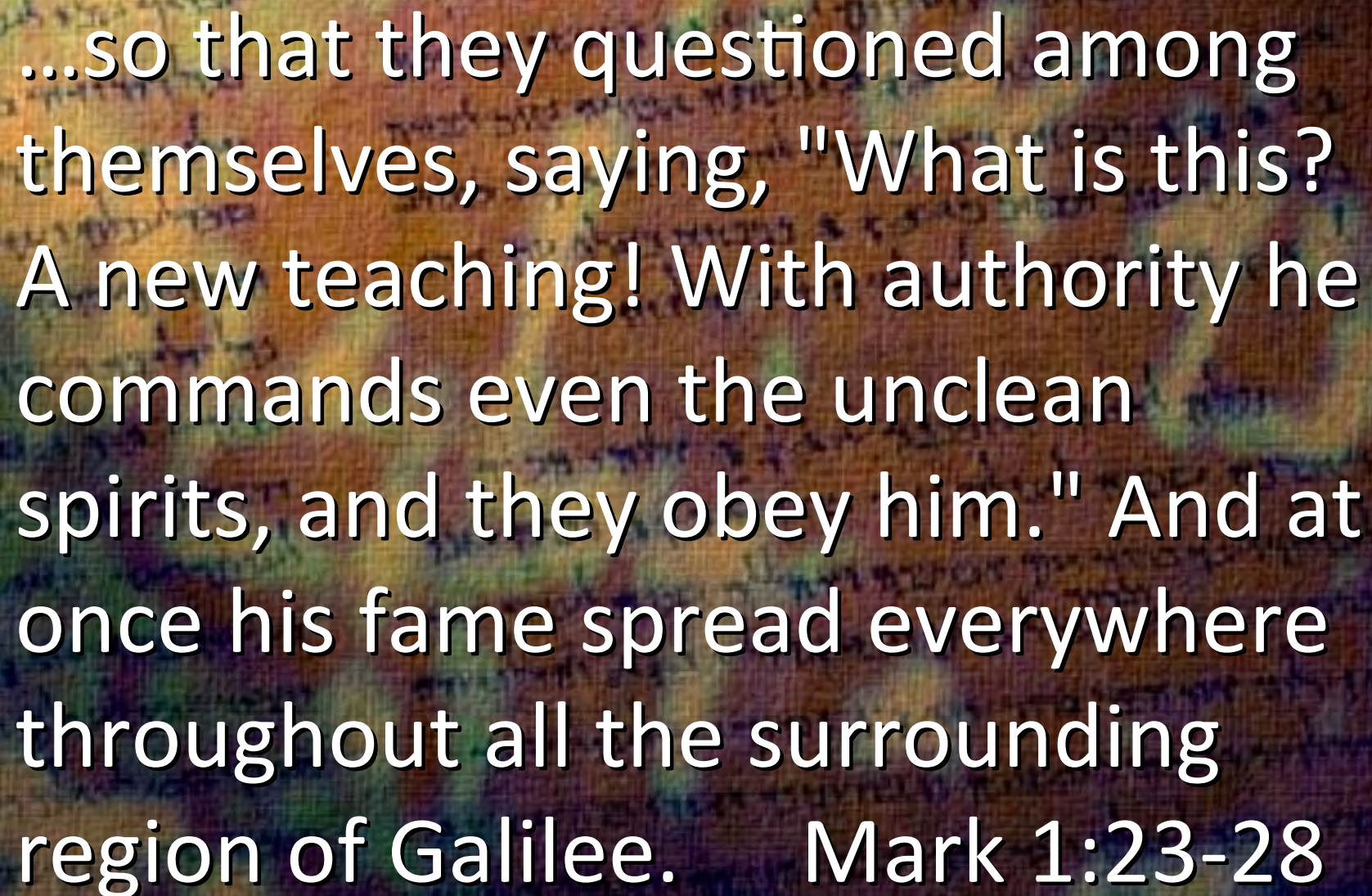




And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.



" But Jesus rebuked him, saying,
"Be silent, and come out of him!"
And the unclean spirit, convulsing
him and crying with a loud voice,
came out of him. And they were all
amazed,



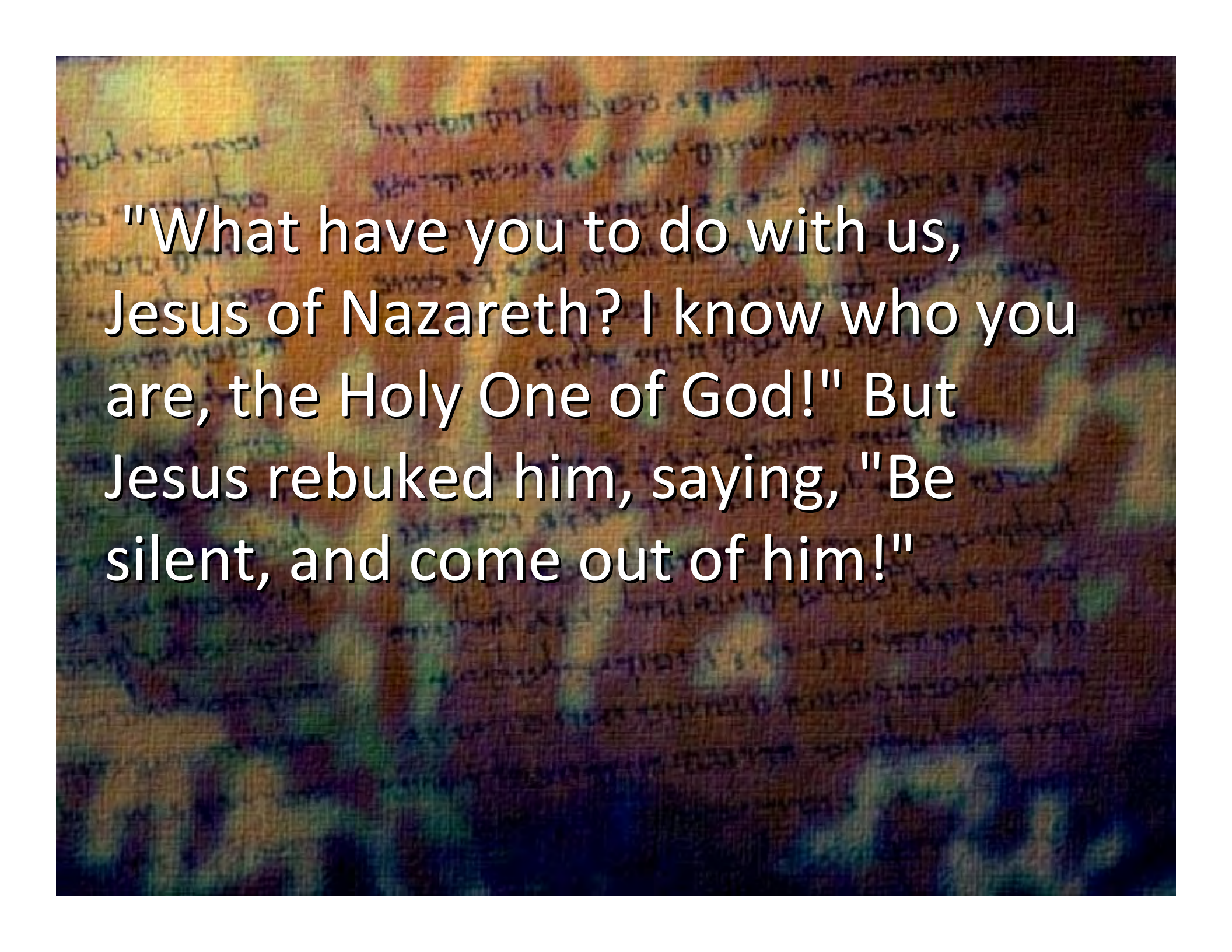
...so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching! With authority he commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee. Mark 1:23-28

2nd Mark of Authority

The Spirit World
is Subject
to Jesus

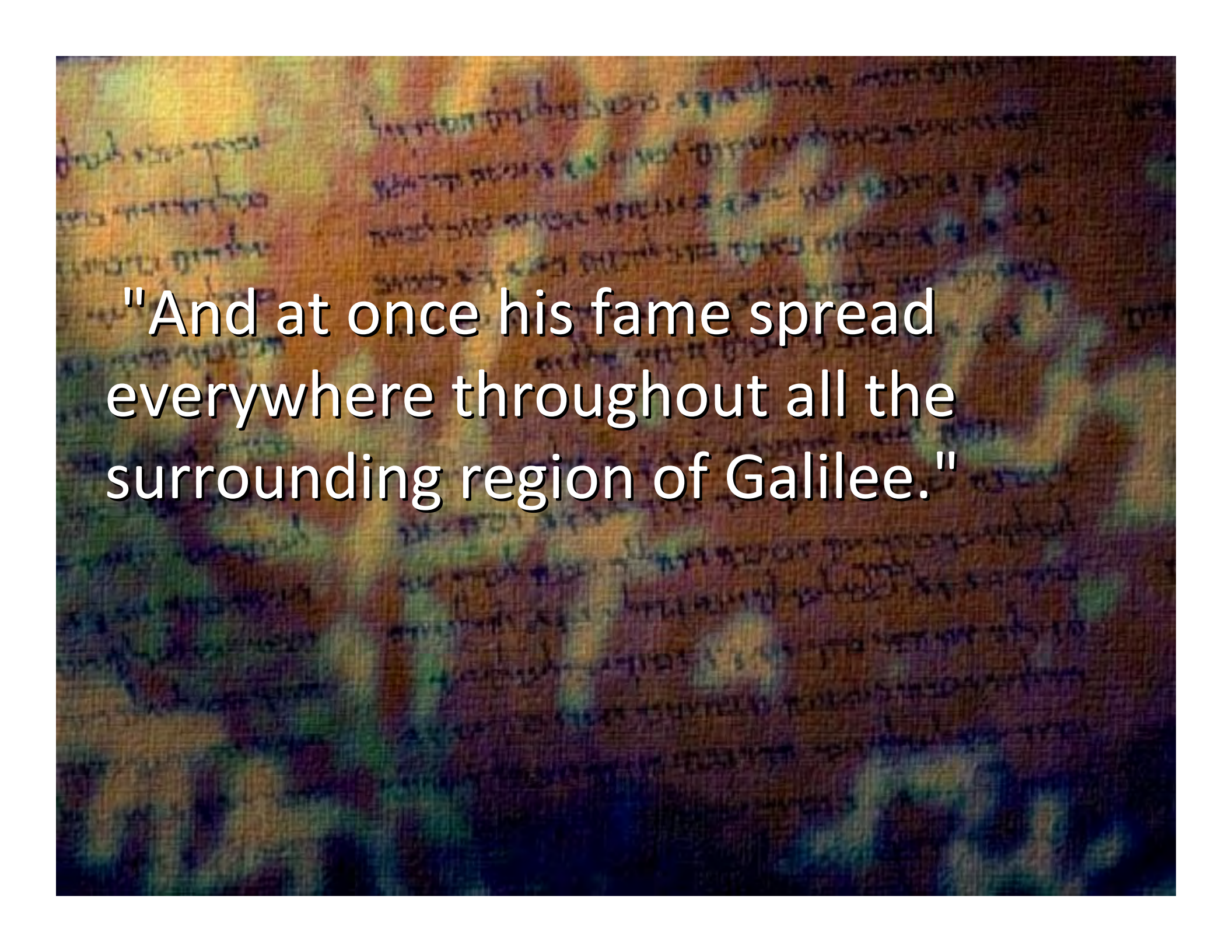






"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? I know who you are, the Holy One of God!" But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!"





"And at once his fame spread
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Theme of this Authority:

Jesus isn't just announcing a new kingdom, he's establishing one by His own power.

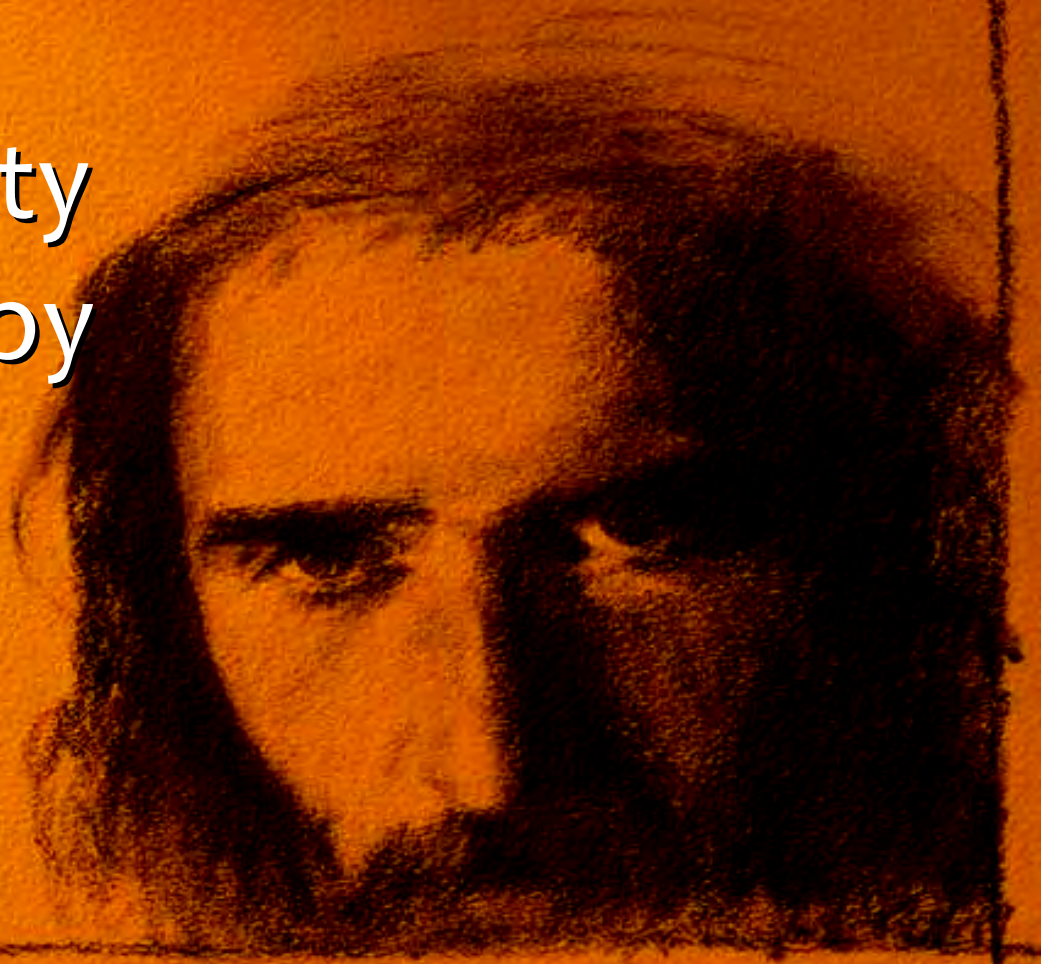


And immediately he left the synagogue, and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever, and immediately they told him of her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her; and she served them.

Mark 1:29-31

3rd Mark of Authority

Jesus authority
is motivated by
compassion



Theme of this Authority:

Jesus heals that
one may better
serve.

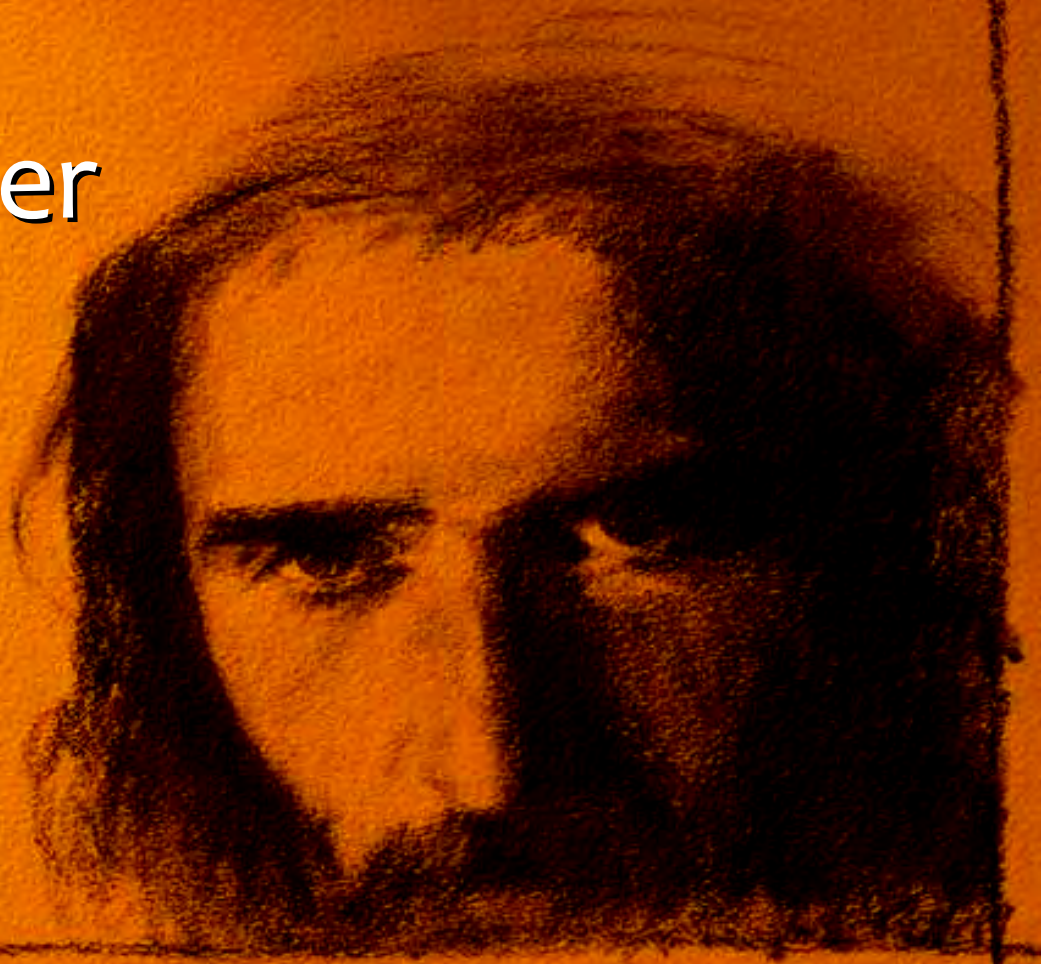


That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered together about the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

Mark 1:32-34

4th Mark of Authority

Command over
the Physical
World.





Theme of this Authority:

Physical healing is a means to a greater goal;

Spiritual healing.

