



## “Authority!”

Mark 1:27-39

### INTRODUCTION:

*Robert Ingersoll, the famous atheist...*

### I. MARK'S GOSPEL LESSON FOR TODAY SPEAKS ABOUT AUTHORITY

- A. Jesus has authority to cast out demons & to create faith
- B. Many today refuse to acknowledge Jesus' authority (Acts 5:29)

### II. THERE ARE MANY AUTHORITIES UNDER WHOM WE LIVE

- A. Often we obey them due to fear
- B. Our obedience to Jesus' authority is an obedience of love (1 John 4:7-19)
- C. At all stages in our life, we find ourselves bowing to the 'authority' of those who would mislead our hearts, minds, & souls

### III. INTO OUR FALLEN, SINFUL CONDITION COMES JESUS WITH HIS LOVING AUTHORITY

- A. In every page of Holy Scripture . . .
- B. In Holy Baptism & Holy Communion . . .
- C. In His precious face of agony as He is on the cross . . .
- D. Oh – may we not be blinded to Jesus' authority:  
His authority of love

### CONCLUSION: *The story of the Wright Brothers:*

*when people missed a great event in history*