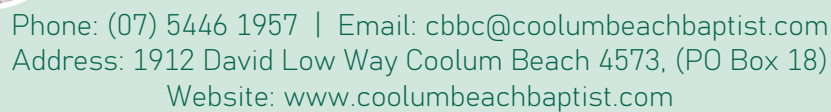


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July

9AM Pastor Bill Forgeard

# "The Authority of King Jesus is Good News"

## Mark 1:21-45

## Thought for the Week

### MARK ON SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Mark's perspective on spiritual warfare is in line with the biblical worldview. In the OT, Yahweh exercises supreme authority over all powers, whether physical or spiritual. He created them, and they must do his bidding. The most powerful kings of the earth are mere pawns in his hands: "No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither" (Isa 40:24). Though spiritual forces may act in opposition to God, they are ultimately subject to his authority.

So how should Christians respond to the reality of the demonic? Two extremes should be avoided. Some Christians become obsessed with the supernatural, seeing demons everywhere and blaming Satan for every disease or setback in life. This can become an unhealthy obsession, allowing individuals to deny responsibility for their actions and even opening them up to demonic influence. Others, though claiming to believe in God, live as practical atheists, never acknowledging the reality or influence of spiritual forces in their lives. A balanced approach recognizes that Satan and his forces are real and active in the world and that we must take up the spiritual "armor of God" to defend ourselves against his attacks (Eph 6:10-20). Yet Christ has achieved the decisive victory through his death and resurrection (Col 2:15), and those who confess his name can live victorious lives without fear of oppression.

Mark L. Strauss, Commentary on Mark 1:21-28, Mark (Zondervan Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament), page 95

## Prayer Points

- Praise God for Jesus, the king with authority over sin and sinners
- Praise God for the good start to our Alpha course, with 26 people coming to check out the course. Pray for the edification of saints, and those who lost would be found by the grace of God
- Pray for the SOS, for good fellowship among our seniors and opportunities for non-believers to be invited
- Pray for our building project, for wisdom as it all progresses, and provision of future financial resources, so that our building can best support the gospel mission of our church

## What's on?

### MONDAY

5PM Walking Soccer

### TUESDAY

9:30AM Playgroup

### WEDNESDAY

9AM Prayer Meeting

### THURSDAY

9AM Quilters/Craft

### FRIDAY

9:30AM Playgroup  
4PM Kids Ignite  
& Youth

## Birthdays

Today Bob Wotherspoon, Theo  
& Seb Reinbott  
28th Lesley Gallagher &  
Jackie Olson  
30th Margaret Beaumont  
2nd Pam Scales



If you would like to know more about our Home Groups, contact our coordinator  
Beth Pfeffer : 0449 584 284

### SOS OUTING

Date claimer for SOS Train trip to Caboolture Heritage Village Thursday August 7th. More information next week.

### NEW MARK HOME GROUP BOOKLETS

Pick up a home group study booklet for this term (covering Mark 1-4) from the front desk.

### SOCCER CELEBRATION SERVICE

Our Soccer Celebration Service is quickly coming and will be happening on the 17th August. There are a number of jobs which are out on the soccer board in the gallery. Please put your name down for whatever you think you will be able to help with.

### SOCCER HOME GAMES

Our next soccer home game is quickly approaching on the 9th August. So if you are available and keen to help out on that, please put your name down on the list out in the foyer.

