

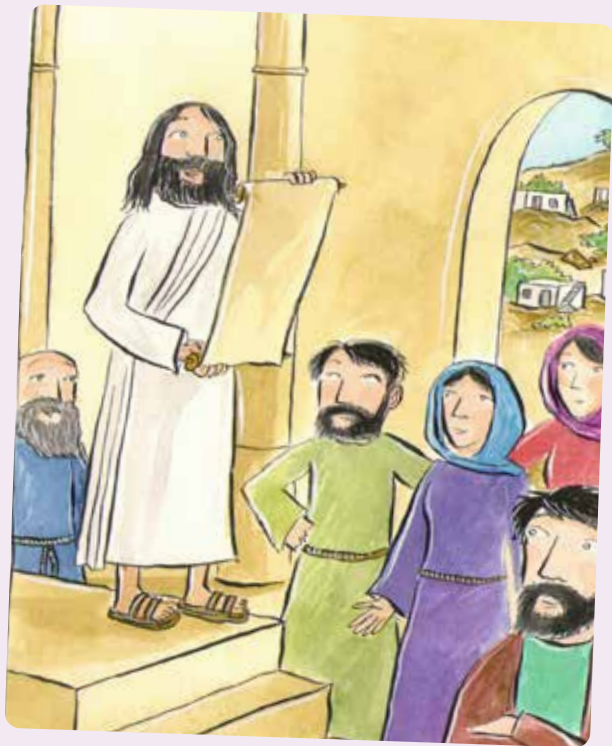
Jesus and his followers went to Capernaum. When the sabbath came, Jesus went straight to the synagogue and started teaching. People were astonished by the way he spoke. Unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. They listened carefully and wanted to hear more. *

Suddenly a man in the synagogue, filled with an unclean spirit, shouted out angrily, 'What do you want of us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are. You are the Holy One of God!'

The crowd was shocked. But Jesus didn't hesitate. Straight away he turned to the man. 'Be quiet and get out of him!' he commanded. The man fell to the floor, shaking and sobbing. Then a huge cry came out of him, and the unclean spirit was gone.

Everybody was amazed! They turned to each other excitedly and said, 'What is this? He teaches us in a new way, with authority. He even has power over unclean spirits.' * And from that moment on, Jesus' fame spread across Galilee.

Mark 1.21-28



* See Share the Word.