

A long-exposure photograph of a car at night, showing vibrant red and white light trails that curve through a dark landscape. The trails originate from the bottom left and sweep upwards and to the right, following the path of the vehicle. The background is a deep black, with some faint, distant lights visible on the horizon.

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Mark 1:16-45

Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw **Simon and Andrew** the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." [f] 18 And **immediately** they left their nets and **followed him.**

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19 And going on a little farther, he saw **James the son of Zebedee and John** his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20 And **immediately** he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and **followed him**.

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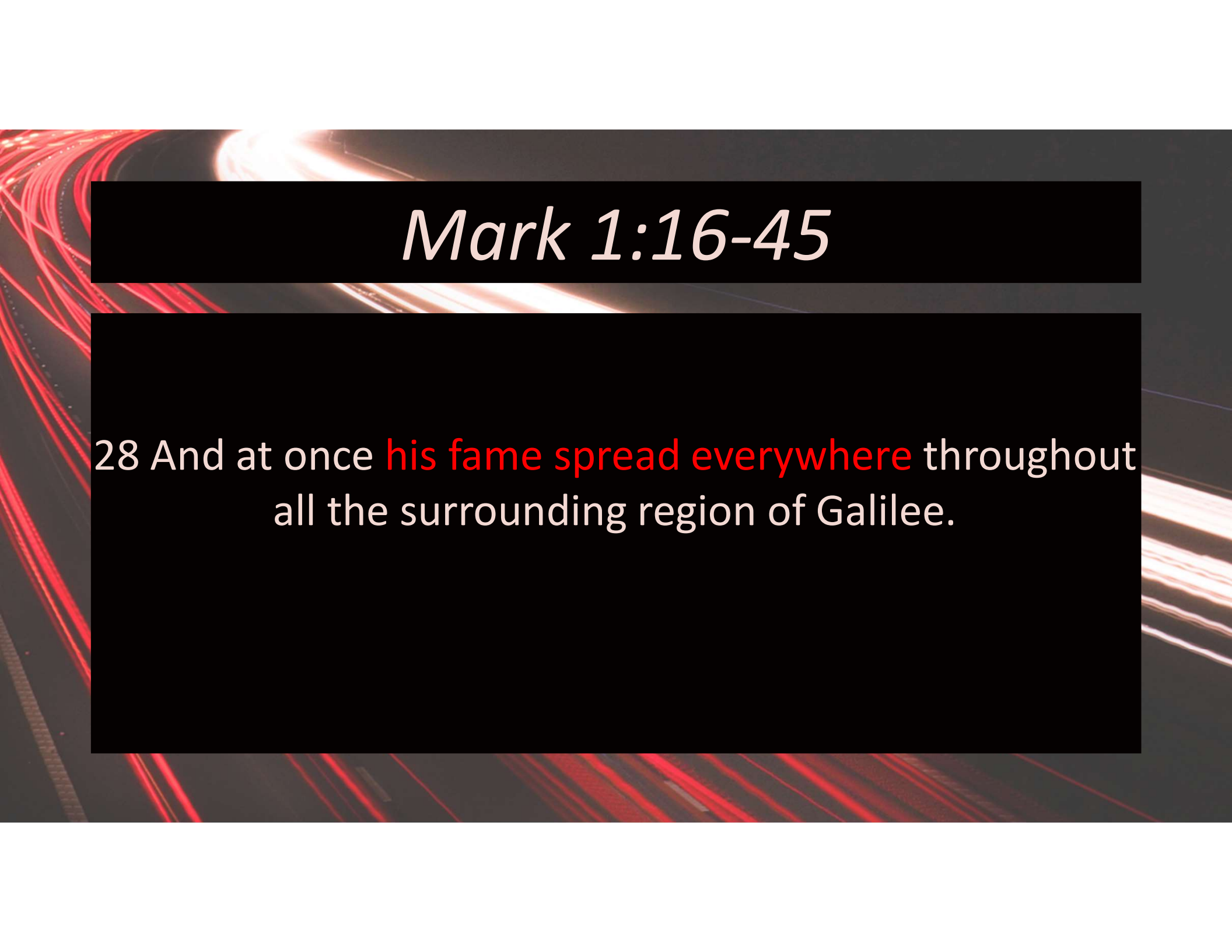
21 And they went into Capernaum, and **immediately** on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. 22 And they were astonished at his teaching, for **he taught them as one who had authority**, and not as the scribes.

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23 And **immediately** there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, 24 “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.**”

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25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” 26 And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. 27 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.**”

The background of the slide features a dark, textured surface with numerous bright, glowing streaks of red and orange light. These streaks are curved and dynamic, suggesting a sense of movement or energy, possibly representing light trails from a long-exposure photograph or a digital artistic effect.

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28 And at once **his fame spread everywhere** throughout
all the surrounding region of Galilee.

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29 And **immediately** he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.
30 Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and **immediately** they told him about her. 31 And **he came** and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

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32 That evening at sundown **they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons.** 33 And the whole city was gathered together at the door. 34 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.**

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35 And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.

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36 And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, 37 and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.” 38 And he said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.” 39 And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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40 And **a leper** came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean." 41 Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "**I will; be clean.**" 42 And **immediately** the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

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43 And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, 44 and said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them.”

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45 But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that **Jesus could no longer openly enter a town**, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter.

So What?

- Have you decided to follow Jesus?
- What have you witnessed Jesus do?
- What is God calling you too that seems counter-intuitive?

