

Discover Jesus

Jesus Drives Out an Evil Spirit

Mark 1:21-28

²¹ They went out to Capernaum [kah-PER-nay-yum], and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²² The people were amazed at his teaching because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³ Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, ²⁴ “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are – the Holy One of God!”

²⁵ “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” ²⁶ The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

²⁷ The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching – and one with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸ News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee. (NIV)

Get it!

1. Are there any phrases or words that you need defined?
2. Where is Jesus, and why is he there?
3. Who is involved in this story? What’s the problem?
4. What lies is the man with the evil spirit believing about Jesus?
5. What is the truth? How do we know? How does Jesus help this man?
6. How is Jesus’s teaching different from the teachers of the Jewish law? How do we see this?
7. What do we learn about Jesus’s nature and character from this story?
8. What kind of power does Jesus have? What does this say about Jesus?
9. What is interesting, strange, or new for you in this story?

Think about it!

1. Have you ever felt like Jesus (or God) is someone who wants to destroy you? Explain.
2. According to this passage, where do thoughts like this come from? Explain.
3. Have you ever experienced an evil spirit or dark period in your life? What happened? If it’s happening now, explain.
4. Do you know someone who has an evil spirit, is going through a dark period in their life, or thinks God wants to destroy them? Describe.
5. According to this story, how can Jesus help you or your friend?

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Share it!

1. How have these stories impacted you?
2. Do you know someone who needs to hear these stories? Explain. Share these stories or this study with them this week.
3. If you don’t know someone like this, pray that Jesus will lead someone to you this week who needs this story and Jesus’s help.
4. If you have a personal testimony to share, please [share](#) it with us!

Pray it! – From what you learned today, pray about all the ways you want to see Jesus work in you and around you.