



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

Jesus Displays His Power over Demons February 3-5, 2018

(Mark 1:21-28) They went to Capernaum, 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 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.

1. Do you believe that there are people today who are physically possessed by an evil spirit? Why/why not?
2. What are some traits displayed by those who suffer from demon possession (in the Bible or today)?
3. When Jesus taught in the synagogue in Capernaum, how did the people react?

4. What do you think made Jesus' teaching "different?" (cf. Matt. 5:21, 27, 31; John 8:26; John 1:17-18; John 7:16-17)
5. What do you learn from what the evil spirit said to Jesus (v. 24)?
6. Give some possible reasons why Jesus silenced the spirit's "true" confession about him?
7. What similarities/differences do you see between this account and the one in Mark 5:1-20?
8. Agree/disagree: "Satan manipulates the truth." Defend your answer.
9. Why do you think demon possession is not more common in our world today?
10. What should the Christian's attitude toward the Devil and his demons be? (cf. 1 Peter 5:8-9; 1 John 3:8; Col. 2:13-15; Rev. 12:7-11)
11. Where is the warning in this text/sermon? Where is the comfort?