



### **Humble Savior, Humbled Demons**

Mark 1:21-28

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Why are there so many incidents of Jesus confronting Satan and his demons in the gospels? Because most people in non-Western cultures throughout the history of the world have lived in abject fear of demons! When they put their head on their mat at night, they fear that they have not done enough to appease the spirit world. Perhaps they should have made one more sacrifice, lighted one more incense stick, chanted one more protective slogan, or put on or hung up one more protective amulet or charm. They are terrorized by the daily reality of trying to appease an incredibly powerful, unseen enemy who could destroy them or their family in a whimsical instant. Could Jesus deliver them from bondage to the spirit world?

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#### **Mark 1:21-28**

Jesus establishes His Messianic authority over Satan and the spirit world through His first exorcism.

#### **1:21-22**

Jesus amazes the synagogue with **His authoritative teaching**.

#### **1:23-26**

Jesus also amazes them with **His Authoritative exorcism** of a demonized man.

#### **Note 5 characteristics of this demon that give insights into demons in general:**

1. He is religious (v. 23)
2. He is an unclean spirit (v. 24)
3. He has theological insight into Jesus and His purpose (v. 24)
4. He must submit to Christ's authority (v. 25)
5. He is destructive to humans (v. 26)

#### **1:27-28**

They stand amazed in the **Authoritative Presence of Messiah Jesus!**

#### **The Significance to Us**