



An evil spirit driven out

Mark 1:21-28

In this story a man is possessed by an evil spirit - is freed from it.

AND - the evil spirit recognised who Jesus was - that is quite amazing really.

It happened in the synagogue (Jewish place of worship). A man in the synagogue called out (the evil spirit's voice actually) "*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.*" That is the evil spirit speaking, knowing that Jesus had power over it! **It was afraid of Jesus.**

Being 'possessed' by an evil spirit can happen. It did in Bible times - and it can happen today.

Jesus rebuked the evil spirit: "Be quiet, come out of him." The demon then screamed and shook the man violently & came out of him. The man was then back to his normal self.

The crowd were amazed and the news spread rapidly.

Note Well: There are many forms of evil spirits, also known as demons, unclean spirits, devils, black angels and some others too. All of them are hostile (opposed to) God, but Jesus had power over them - and many faithful Christians today have the power from God to drive them out. **It is not a simple task!** Some churches have specially trained men or priests who can help to drive away evil spirits.

Jesus had power over them all! This one in particular knew exactly who Jesus was - the Son of God - and it was afraid of Jesus because Jesus could send it to hell (The Pit), or have it killed.

Satan is in most, or maybe all of them. Staying close to God keeps them away - straying away from God - into bad company and doing wrong things can leave a person open to the work of evil spirits. That always leads to trouble of some sort.

