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Miracles of Jesus: Casting Out Demons



- A Demoniac in a Capernaum Synagogue (Mk. 1:23-28; Lk. 4:31-36)
- A Blind and Mute Demoniac (Mt. 12:22; Lk. 11:14)
- A Maniac of Gadara (Mt. 8:28-34; Mk. 5:1-20; Lk. 8:26-39)
- A Mute Demoniac (Mt. 9:32-33)
- A Syrophenician's Daughter (Mt. 15:21-28; Mk. 7:24-30)
- A Demon-Possessed Boy (Mt. 17:14-18; Mk. 9:14-29; Lk. 9:38-42)
- A Crippled Woman on the Sabbath (Lk. 13:10-17)
- A Number of Others (Mk. 1:32-34; Lk. 8:1-3, Lk. 10:17-20)

Miracles of Jesus: Preliminaries



Were demons and demonic activity a figment of the 1st century imagination? (Mt. 12:22-29; Mk. 1:23-28; Acts 19:13-17)

- ✓ Demons are described in very real terms in scripture:
 - Satan rules over that kingdom (Mt. 12:24-25)
 - Are spirit beings (Mk. 5:12-13; Heb. 1:13-14)
 - There are angels that sinned (2 Pt. 2:4; Jude 6)
 - Satan has his angels (Mt. 25:41; Rev. 12:7-10)

Miracles of Jesus: Preliminaries



- Do you perceive that demonic activity increased during the time of Christ? Why?
 - ✓ Jesus clearly stated the purpose of these types of miracles: Mt. 12:28; Mk. 16:17-20
 - ✓ The disciples commented on Christ's authority over them: Lk. 10:17

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- Does this type of demonic activity continue today?
 - ✓ Miraculous abilities have ceased (1 Cor. 13:8-12)
 - ✓ Jesus has bound the “strong man” (Mt. 12:22-29; c.f.. 1 Jn. 3:8, Lk 10:17-18, Rev. 12:7-10)
 - ✓ The demons knew that “their time was coming” (Mt. 8:28-29; Zech. 13:1-2)

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A Demoniac in a Capernaum Synagogue (Mk. 1:23-28; Lk. 4:31-36)

- There is an emphasis in the context on the authority of Christ
- Are there ever times when evil can be present in a “church service”?
- What does the evil spirit((s)-see :24) have to say to the Lord?
- Did the demon “confess” Christ? (c.f. Mk. 3:11; Lk. 4:41; James 2:19)
- What does the Lord say to the evil spirit?
- Was there any evidence of success with the “exorcism”?
- What was the response of the witnesses?

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A Blind and Mute Demoniac (Mt. 12:22-30; Lk. 11:14-26)

- Are there physical consequences at times associated with demon possession?
- Did the Pharisees deny the casting out of demons?
- What argument does Jesus make to address the Pharisaic community?
- Does Jesus acknowledge other sources of casting out demons?
- Jesus immediately mentions the “unpardonable sin”. How does this relate to the context of Jesus casting out this demon?

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A Maniac of Gadara (Mt. 8:28-34; Mk. 5:1-20; Lk. 8:26-39)

- Where did the demon possessed live and act? (c.f. Lk. 8:27)
- How did this man respond to seeing Jesus?
- Who did the demon appeal to in order that Jesus not cast him out? (:7)
- According to :8-:10 what was the relationship of the “man” to the demons?
- Why do you think the demons wanted to enter the swine? (c.f. Lk)
- What was the condition of the man after Jesus cast out the demon?
- What was the response of the people of the region to the miracle? Why?

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A Demon-Possessed Boy (Mt. 17:14-18; Mk. 9:14-29; Lk. 9:38-42)

- I wonder if the scribes were discussing the disciples failure to be able to cast out this demon (:14,:18)?
- What was the reason that the disciples could not cast out the demon? (c.f. :19, :29)
- Does Jesus indicate that casting out demons was predicated on the faith of the possessed/guardians? (:23)
- What does the father mean by *“Lord I believe, help my unbelief”*?

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A Syrophenician's Daughter (Mt. 15:21-28; Mk. 7:24-30)

- It seems that Jesus was seeking respite but a woman prevented that (Mk. 7)
- What did the disciples want to do with her?
- Why do you think Jesus says nothing to a woman who cries out "*have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David*"?
- What do we learn about the character of this desperate woman?

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A Crippled Woman on the Sabbath (Lk. 13:10-17)

- Do you think that this woman was possessed by a demon? (:11)
- What was the principal complaint of the ruler of the synagogue?
- What argument does Jesus make for his license to heal her?