

The Holy Land: *Season 2 Overcoming Darkness*



Scripture

- **Mark 1:21-28**

They went into Capernaum; and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and began to teach. They were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit; and he cried, saying “What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God! Just then there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, saying “What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth? And Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet, and come out of him!” Throwing him into convulsions, the unclean spirit cried out with a loud voice and came out of him. They were all amazed, so that they debated among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him.” Immediately the news about Him spread everywhere...

Other Scriptures

- Luke 10:19; 11:12-13
- Acts 9:1-19
- Ephesians 6:12
- I Peter 5:8
- I Chronicles 1:21

Main Points

- Our faith is rooted in real history.
- We have the same authority over darkness that Jesus had.
- We have to be open to the Holy Spirit and open to the supernatural.
- Don't let what you don't understand keep you from doing what you do understand.
- Be bold like Jesus is bold.
- We have an enemy in this world.

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- Followers of Jesus have authority over demonic powers.
- Tormenting spirits leave when we stand up and command them to leave.
- We have been blessed with the authority and the power of Jesus!
- Demons manifest through the realm of thought.
- Demons disguise themselves in the realm of our thought life.
- Thoughts are things, from the spirit. They are spirit.
- If the thoughts you are thinking don't stand up to the Word, they need to be replaced.
- As we take authority over the devil, by God's word, we will get stronger.

Discussion Questions

1. What thoughts does seeing the actual synagogue where Jesus took authority over darkness provoke in you today? How does knowledge of your own authority through the person of Jesus in you, bolster your courage to be bold and take authority over darkness?

2. What are some demonic influences in your thoughts that you find yourself fighting again and again? What must you do to battle these? Consider your weapons--the Word, and the Spirit. Begin to list some verses that will help you in this fight. Keep this list handy for quick reference.

3. How can you assist others caught up in the thoughts of the dark side?