LIVE OAK CHURCH

Jesus Encounters Demons & Sets Captives Free

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Mark 1:21-34, 5:2-19

Jesus Confronted Evil (Spiritual Darkness)

I. Where, who, & how Jesus confronted evil

A. In places of worship
B. In places of death (tomb)
C. People who were impacted physically
    1. Adults
    2. Adolescents/children
D. Jesus encountered those with multiple demons
E. Jesus was compassionate, authoritative & redeeming

II. The demonic in a place of worship

A. Dark forces will enter a place of worship
B. Darkness takes root in a person's life & goes everywhere
C. The battle begins when Jesus enters into the room
    1. Darkness can tolerate anything but light
D. When Jesus came into the room the spiritual darkness was confronted
    1. Jesus confronted a man carrying an unseen battle
E. After confrontation the man is restored
F. Jesus meets people where they are
G. Jesus wants His light & identify to produce faith not fear
H. An entire city found freedom as the King set captives free
    1. Whatever darkness you are experiencing
    2. The King can set you free

III. The demonic at the tomb

A. A man demon possessed
    1. Isolated from family & friends
    2. Destructive to self
    3. Destructive to others
    4. Everyone feared him
B. Darkness isolates you, dehumanizes you & destroys you
C. When Jesus confronts them, they surrender
    1. Spiritual world doesn't debate
    2. They know what awaits
    3. Jesus gives one command & many flee
D. Sends demons into pigs
    1. Sea is a metaphor of judgment
E. Man is now in his right mind
    1. Darkness impacts the soul
F. Man becomes a missionary to the Gentiles
G. Jesus took a man society had "written off"
    1. Restored him
    2. Changed him

IV. Demon possessed man (Matthew 9:32)

A. Could not speak
    1. No expression of worship
    2. No expression of love
B. Demon cast out
    1. Bondage gone
    2. Happiness expressed
    3. Years of suffering end

C. What was locked away returns
D. Pharisees response
    1. Illogical
    2. Spiritually dark
    3. Refuse to see the truth
    4. Didn't want to give up control
    5. Blaspheme
E. Kingdom of God is validated by transformed lives
    1. It was undeniable
    2. No one can hold what/who Jesus sets free

V. Jesus delivers a young girl

A. As he breaks cultural norms
B. As he breaks through distance

VI. Mark 9:17 (Demon possesses a young boy)

A. Parents are upset
B. Jesus says bring him to me
C. The boy had been tormented for years
D. The father pleads with Jesus, "If you can"
E. Jesus responds "All things are possible to him that believe"
F. Father cries out "I believe, help my unbelief"
    1. A real faith is expressed
    2. A real confession is made
G. Restoration was steady & gentle
H. Authority comes from relationship not performance
I. Disciples operated out of assumption more than dependence
    1. Son walked away whole
    2. A family in fear gained peace
    3. Deliverance begins when dependence returns

VII. Matthew 12:22 (Blind/mute)

A. Could not speak, could not see
B. Jesus restores what enemy had stolen
C. What people notice matches Bible prophecy
D. Pharisees reaction
    1. When people dismiss the truth they believe anything
    2. A deliberate rejection
E. Jesus liberates, dismantles those who have lived in or been hurt by darkness

VIII. Where Jesus goes, power of darkness is crushed

A. Mary Magdalene's story
    1. Dominated by demons & darkness
    2. A story of deliverance
    3. She follows Jesus
    4. Jesus restores people to where they are meant to be
    5. Mary remains near the cross
    6. The first person to encounter the risen Savior
    7. She is first person to declare the resurrection

Jesus Is The Light That Drives Out The Darkness