

# Do You Believe?

## The Power of Jesus

### Over the Demonic World

Matt. 12:22-30

Then a demon-oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw. And all the people were amazed, and said, "Can this be the Son of David?"

But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "It is only by Beelzebub, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons." Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?

And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. Or how can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man?

Then indeed he may plunder his house. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

Jesus came to crush  
the head of Satan  
Gen. 3:15

Jesus came into this world to "destroy" the works of the devil  
1 Jn. 3:8

Jesus came to set us free from the kingdom of darkness.  
Col. 1:13

Jesus came to disarm the rulers and authorities... triumphing over them.  
Col. 2:15

... on this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.  
Matt. 16:18

Total Domination!  
Absolute Authority!

1. His superior position /  
Identity is clearly known  
by the demonic world.

And behold they cried out – “What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?” Matt. 8:29

... the eternal fire prepared for the Devil and his angels. Matt. 25:41

2 men - exceedingly violent -  
(Mk.5:2 & Lk 8:27 one man)

- demon possessed – “demonized”
- one or more evil spirits have control over an individual
- my name is “Legion” for we are many – Mk. 5:9 (6,000 Roman soldiers)

“with an unclean spirit” – Mk. 1:23

“have a demon” – Matt. 11:18

“demon-possessed” – Matt. 4:24

Humans or animals controlled, tormented by fallen evil angels.

Levels of Demonic control

- . Spiritually blinded by Satan – all unbelievers (2 Cor. 4:4)
- . Philosophies/belief systems that are held against the true knowledge of God (2 Cor. 10:5)
- . Immoral or impure lifestyles (1 Tim. 4:1-2, 12)
- . Disinterest or resistance to Jesus (MK. 5:17; Matt. 16:23)
- . Satan can fill your heart – center of desires/passions (Acts 5:3)
- . Yield specific situations or conversations or relationships to the Devil – (Eph. 4:27)
- . Habitual and complete control (“demonized”)

Turned and said to Peter – “Get behind Me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” Matt. 16:23

A man in their synagogue with  
an unclean spirit. Mk. 1:23

What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Mk. 1:24

Have you come to destroy us?

I know who you are –  
the Holy One of God.  
The demons believe and shudder!  
James. 2:19

And whenever the unclean spirits saw Him, they fell down before Him and cried out,  
“You are the Son of God.” Mk. 3:11

Greater is in Him that is in you than he who is in the world.  
1 Jn. 4:4

2. His superior power is clearly known by the demonic world.

Behold a demon-oppressed man who was mute was brought to Him. Matt. 9:32

And when the demon had been cast out, the mute man spoke. (37)

And the crowds marveled saying, “Never was anything like this seen in Israel.”  
“Marveled” – great astonishment; AWE! Some!  
... all were astonished at the majesty of God. Lk. 9:43

Then a demon oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to Him and He  
healed him...  
Matt. 12:22

... so that the man spoke and saw.  
And all the people were amazed  
(lit) – beside themselves.

3. His superior provision for His people is clearly known by the demonic world.

Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the schemes of  
the devil. Eph. 6:11

“schemes” – beliefs; worldviews; strategies; methods  
Take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day. (13)

- to stand against
- to push back
- to resist
- to stand face to face

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the Devil and he will flee from you. James  
4:7

. Stand with the Lord  
. Stand against the Devil.  
Resist him, firm in your faith...  
1 Peter 5:9

I am writing to you, young man, because you have overcome the evil one. 1 Jn. 2:13  
... you are strong and the Word of God abides in you and you have overcome the evil one (14)

I have stored up Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You. Ps. 119:11

The God of peace will soon CRUSH Satan under your feet. Rom. 16:20