

# Jesus' Authority Over Demons

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## The Battle Begins

**Genesis 3:15** “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

## The Attacks of Satan's Kingdom

**Isaiah 61:1** “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;”

## The Arrival of Jesus' Kingdom

**Matthew 4:23-24** “And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people...and those oppressed by demons.”

**Matthew 12:28** “... if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.”

*Jesus cast out demons as a preview of his Kingly rule and ultimate authority over Satan's kingdom of darkness.*

**1. The Unlikely Setting**

**2. The Demons' Concern**

**3. The Demons' Plea**

**4. The King's Command**

**5. The People's Response**

## **Misconceptions about Spiritual Warfare**

- Spiritual warfare is all about deliverance from the demonic
- Spiritual warfare is only found on the mission field

## **Beware of Satan's Schemes**

**1 Peter 5:8** “Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”

## **Stand firm in the victory of Christ**

**1 John 4:4** “Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”

**Colossians 2:15** “He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.”

## **Let your light shine in the kingdom of darkness**

**Matthew 5:14–16** ““You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

**Acts 26:18** “to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith.”

## **Engage in prayer for you and your comrades**

**Ephesians 6:18** “praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,”

**Matthew 6:13** “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

## **Be filled with the Spirit of Christ**

**Ephesians 5:18** “And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,”

## **Resist the Devil by submitting to God**

**James 4:7-8** “Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.”