



Demons & Deliverance

Why We Need to Know This

1. Casting out demons was a major part of Jesus' ministry, not an ancillary one, and He called it a teaching of doctrine (Mark 1:27).
2. Jesus gave His disciples authority over demons when He sent them out to two-by-two to preach the kingdom of God (Mark 6:7) and he gave all His Followers the power to cast out demons (Mark 16:17).
3. The Apostles regularly cast out demons in the early church in the book of Acts.
4. Anytime we share the Gospel with an unbeliever we are confronting the Kingdom of Satan and the demonic realm. This is why Jesus gave followers the power to cast them out in the context of the Great Commission.
5. We need knowledge of this teaching in case we are forced to confront a demonic situation in our own lives or in our ministry in order to help others.
6. It is our responsibility to learn the full counsel of God and use it where applicable.
7. We do not want to focus or become obsessed with demons in our own lives, since faith, repentance & being filled with Holy Spirit will be protection enough in most cases.

“It is perfectly obvious to all of us in spiritual work that people can be possessed, harassed and controlled by evil forces, and more and more ministers will have to learn to the use the power of God to release people from the power of the devil.”

Billy Graham

The 9 Exorcism Miracles Mentioned in 19 Places in the Gospels :

1. Exorcism at the Synagogue in Capernaum (Mark 1:21–28; Luke 4:31–37)
2. Exorcism of the Gerasene Demoniac (Mark 5:1-17; Luke 8:26-37)
3. Exorcism of Syrophoenician Woman's Daughter (Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30)
4. Exorcism of the Demon Possessed Blind & Mute Man (Matt 12:22-32; Mark 3:20-30; Luke 11:14-23)
5. Exorcism of Demon Possessed Boy (Matt 17:14-21; Mark 9:14-29; Luke 9:37-49)
6. Exorcisms at Sunset just after healing of Peter's wife's mother (Matt 8:16-17; Mark 1:32-34; Luke 4:40-41)
7. Exorcism of the Mute (Matt. 9:32-34)
8. Jesus had cast seven devils out of Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:9; Luke 8:2)
9. Jesus continued to cast out devils even though Herod Antipas wanted to kill him. (Luke 13:31-32)

- **Note:** Jesus performed a total of 39 miracles. 25% of miracles recorded were casting out of demons.

Advanced Spiritual Warfare

1. Transference of Spirits

- Spirit here is defined as an underlying disposition of mind & emotion

2. Evil Spirits in High Places

- The division and order of Satan's evil forces

3. Demons

4. Deliverance & Exorcisms

1) Transference of Spirits

- “Transference of spirits” means to “transfer” from one person to another, a character, attitude, or motive – This does mean transferring a demon or spirit entity itself.
- The actions of each person exhibit a certain “spirit.” – i.e. gentle spirit or a rebellious spirit.
- It is possible to receive “another spirit”, good or evil, from other people or directly from God and Satan.
- Evil spirit transference is a form of demon oppression.

2 Corinthians 11:4

⁴ For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or **if you receive a different spirit** which you have not received, or a different gospel ...

God Can Transfer Spirits

Numbers 11:16-17 - The Seventy Elders

¹⁶ So the LORD said to Moses: “Gather to Me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tabernacle of meeting, that they may stand there with you. ¹⁷ Then I will come down and talk with you there. **I will take of the Spirit that *is upon you* and will put *the same upon them***; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that you may not bear *it* yourself alone.

Satan Can Transfer Spirits

Numbers 13:31 - The Twelve Spies

³¹ But the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people, for they *are* stronger than we.”

10 of the men had a spirit of **Fear & Unbelief** (not a demon!)

Numbers 14:1-4 - Israel Decides to Remain in the Wilderness & not Go to Canaan (the Promised Land)

14 So all the congregation...wept that night. ² And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them... Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?” ...”

The spirits of despair, murmuring, and rebellion were transferred by the ten spies to God's people and kept Israel in the Wilderness 40 years

God Can Transfer Spirits

Numbers 13:30

³⁰ Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, “**Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it.**”

Numbers 14:24

²⁴ But My servant Caleb, **because he has a different spirit in him** and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land ...

2 of the men
had a spirit of
**Faith &
Obedience**

Application

- This principal of transference of spirits accounts for many of the spiritual battles fought by believers today. It accounts for the abrupt changes from positive to negative behavior which we witness in those around us.
- When you are angry, fearful, doubting God or have sinful thoughts, this is a Spiritual Influence!
- It will do you no good to blame others or your bad circumstances, you need a new Spirit!
- One of the Holy Spirit gifts is "discerning of spirits." It enables believers to recognize whether a spirit is good or evil (1 Cor 12:4-11; Heb 5:13-14)
- Repent of your Sinful Thoughts and Actions & ask God for a Right Spirit.

War Strategies

- **Control Your Spirit**

- Proverbs 25:28 ²⁸ Whoever *has* no rule over his own spirit *is like* a city broken down...
- Proverbs 16:32 ² *He who is* slow to anger *is* better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.
- Malachi 2:16 "...Therefore take heed to your spirit, That you do not deal treacherously."

- **Guard Your Mind & Affections** – Proverbs 4:23 “Guard your mind...”

- **Guard Your Tongue**

- **Choose the Right Friends** –Proverbs 1:10-19; 2:11-22; 4:14-15; 13:20; 14:7; 22:24-25

- **Guard Your Eyes & Your Conversations** (lust; covetousness; gossip)

- **Use Caution with the “Laying on of Hands”**

References to Spiritual Attitudes & Emotional Responses

- Jealous: Numbers 5:14
- Hardened: Deuteronomy 2:30
- In Anguish: Exodus 6:9
- Good: Nehemiah 9:20
- Right: Psalms 51:10
- Broken: Psalms 51:17
- Overwhelmed: Psalms 77:3; 142:3; 143:4
- Diligent and searching: Psalms 77:6
- Steadfast: Psalms 78:8
- Failing within: Psalms 143:7
- Faithful: Proverbs 11:13; II Corinthians 4:13
- Hasty: Proverbs 14:29; Ecclesiastes 7:9
- Haughty: Proverbs 16:18
- Humble: Isaiah 57:15; Proverbs 16:19
- Wounded: Proverbs 18:14
- Patient: Ecclesiastes 7:8
- Proud: Ecclesiastes 7:8
- Seeking: Isaiah 26:9
- Judgmental: Isaiah 28:6
- In error: Isaiah 29:24
- Quieted: Zechariah 6:8
- Grieved: Daniel 7:15
- Wise: Exodus 28:3
- Strong: Luke 2:40
- Wrong: Luke 9:55
- Worshipful: John 4:23-24; Philippians 3:3 255
- Troubled: Genesis 41:8; Daniel 2:3; John 13:21; II Thessalonians 2:2
- Persuasive: Acts 6:10
- Fervent: Acts 18:25; Romans 12:11
- Bound: Acts 20:22
- Serving: Romans 1:9
- In bondage: Romans 8:15
- Bear witness with God's spirit: Romans 8:16
- Meek: Galatians 6:1; I Peter 3:4
- Prayerful: I Corinthians 14:14;
- United with other believers: II Corinthians 12:18; Philippians 1:27
- Fearful: II Timothy 1:7
- Lustful: James 4:5
- Willing: Exodus 35:21; Matthew 26:41
- Poor: Matthew 5:3
- Perceptive: Mark 2:8
- Sorrowful: I Samuel 1:15
- Sad: I Kings 21:5
- Rejoicing: Luke 1:47
- Restless: II Corinthians 2:13
- Filthy: II Corinthians 7:1
- One with God: I Corinthians 6:17
- Glorifying God: I Corinthians 6:20
- Singing: I Corinthians 14:15

2) Evil Spirits in High Places

Ephesians 6:12

¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against **principalities**, against **powers**, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against **spiritual *hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places***.

[Movie Clip - Mark 1](#)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vgc6u9rmDAU&list=PLcJVluhI8isJMzXK9iJ_UhJrcRu7IgtiN&index=2

The Order of the Satan's Kingdom

- **Satan** –leader of the kingdom of darkness & is in control of the earth.
- **Principalities**
 - Senior demons (fallen angels) in charge of large territories (Countries).(i.e. prince of Persia mentioned in Daniel 10:12- 13)
- **Powers & Rulers of Darkness**
 - Lesser demons in charge of smaller territories (States, regions)
- **Spiritual Wickedness in High Places**
 - “spiritual wickedness” can be translated wicked spirits and the High Places refers to the **dwelling place of God** as well as the abode of angels and evil spirits.
 - These “wicked spirits” are the most common demons whose **main goal is to corrupt Churches** and stop revival.

Evil Spirits in the Church

- When Paul speaks of "spiritual wickedness in high places", he is referring to wicked spirits who have infiltrated the religious systems of the world.
- Satan has organized his evil forces to imitate the organization of the true church of God.
- He uses false cults, his own church of Satan, and infiltration into the Body of Christ to accomplish this purpose.
- The word "occult" means to "hide or conceal a thing." Cults are those who are part of the occult, those who hide and conceal evil behind the cloak of religion.
- But even more dangerous, Satan has set up his system right in the true church through evil people and false teachers who mix truth and error (Jude 4).

Satan's Counterfeit System of Religion

- Satan has his own Trinity (Rev. 20:10, Antichrist, False Prophet)
- Satan has his own Church (Rev 2:9 “synagogue of Satan”)
- Satan has a Doctrine (1 Tim. 4:1 “doctrines of demons”)
- Satan has a System of Sacrifices (1 Cor. 10:20)
- Satan has his own Communion (1 Cor. 10:20)
- Satan has his own Ministers (2 Cor. 11:14-15)
- Satan's Ministers Proclaim his False Gospel (Gal 1:7-8)
- Satan has Worshipers (Rev. 13:4)
- Satan has Prophets & Teachers (Matt. 24:11; 2 Peter 2:1-3)
- Satan has False Christs (Matt 24:4-5)

Occult Practices (Satan's Devices)

- Acupuncture
- Astrology
- Charismatic movements
- Christian Science
- Clairvoyance
- Magic, charms
- Drugs
- Fortune Telling
- Symbols
- Freemasonry
- Ghosts, Goblins, Elves, Vampires, Zombies
- Meditation (non-Biblical)
- New Age
- Ouija Board
- Rock music
- Extrasensory Perception – visions, prophesy
- Yoga

Christian War Strategies

- **STUDY THE WORD OF GOD:**

- In order to recognize Satan's false doctrines you must know what is taught in the Word of God

- **REJECT ANYTHING NOT IN THE WORD:**

- Including "special revelations of new truth" by special dreams, appearances by angels, visions, voices, or other supernatural events – Gal. 1:7-8

- **EVALUATE BY THEIR SPIRITUAL FRUIT:** Matt. 7:14-15

- **AVOID EVERY SATANIC INFLUENCE:**

- This would include idols, witchcraft, seances, potions, amulets, crystals, cards/games, divining devices, and other similar items. (**Acts 19:19; Numbers 33:52; Deut 18:9-14**)

- **EXPOSE THE WICKEDNESS IN HIGH PLACES:** Eph 5:11

- **EXERCISE THE MINISTRY OF DELIVERANCE:**

3) Demons

How they Operate

[Movie Clip - Acts 16 – 1:45 min mark](https://youtu.be/hBEKAGnylOk?t=6306)

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Demons

- Demons are an organized force of powers which believers wrestle (Ephesians 6:12).
- Demons are the agents through which Satan works to accomplish his purposes in the world.
- Demons are used by Satan to oppose God's will and His people.
- They also war against unbelievers to keep them from the truth of the Gospel.
- Demons also work through men and women to accomplish Satanic objectives in the world.

Protection from Demons

- The most important protection is to receive Jesus Christ as Savior because demons cannot possess a true born-again believer. Be filled with the Holy Spirit.
- Avoid sin, for through sin you "give place to the Devil." You provide opportunity for him to use demonic activities of oppression against you.
- Avoid an obsessive interest in demons. It is not wrong to study what God's Word says about them, but do not read secular books to learn more about demons. Avoid any contact with the occult (witches, astrologers, card, palm readers).
- Do not allow idols to come into your home:
 - The graven images of their gods you shall burn with fire; you shall not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it for yourself, lest you be ensnared by it; for IT IS AN ABOMINATION TO THE LORD YOUR GOD. Neither shall you bring an abomination (an idol) into your house, lest you become an accursed thing like it; but you shall utterly detest and abhor it, for it is an accursed thing. (Deuteronomy 7:25-26 The Amplified Version)
- It is important to control your mind, your tongue, and select your associates carefully.

Types of Demons

1. Seducing Spirits

Affect The **Spirit**

2. Spirits of Infirmity

Affect The **Body**

3. Unclean Spirits

Affect The **Soul**

1. SEDUCING SPIRITS:

- These spirits afflict the spirit of man, seducing him to believe doctrinal lies – they come in the form of **false doctrine, cults, false Christs, and false teachers**: (NEW AGE TEACHINGS!)
- 1 Timothy 4:1 - **The Great Apostasy** “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to **seducing spirits**, and doctrines of devils;”
- Seducing spirits include the "**spirit of divination**" or "**familiar spirits**" operate in fortune tellers, witches, and palm, crystal ball, and tea leaf readers.
- Warnings against familiar spirits are given in Acts 16:16 ; Leviticus 19:31; 20:6; Deuteronomy 5:9; 18:10; Leviticus 20:27; and I Samuel 28:3. 274
- Seducing spirits entice people to worship idols and even Satan himself.

Types of Demons

2. SPIRITS OF INFIRMITY:

- These are spirits that can afflict the bodies of believers as well as unbelievers. A "**deaf and dumb**" spirit is identified in Mark 9:25. Also read: Luke 13:10- 17; Matthew 12:22; 17:15-18; Acts 10:38; 2 Corinthians 12:7.

3. UNCLEAN SPIRITS:

- These demonic powers afflict the soul nature of man.
- They are responsible for immoral acts, unclean thoughts (1 Kings 22:23 as a "**lying spirit**."), temptations, addictions and other strategies of Satan used to bind men and women.
- When Satan controls individuals with unclean spirits, he can also operate in homes, churches, and entire nations as well. Matthew 10:1; 12:43; and Mark 1:23-26.

Oppression vs. Possession

1. Demon Oppression

- Evil spirits can oppress people including believers.
- To "oppress" or bind indicates control from the outside.
- They cause depression, create negative circumstances, and insert wrong thoughts into the mind such as thoughts of suicide, immorality, unbelief, fear, temptations, etc.
- **Believers in Christ can be oppressed** which is why we need to wrestle. This is what happened to Peter in Matt. 16:23.
- Remember from last class, this is a battle of the mind against sin
- **Confession of Sin is the Believer's solution** – 1 John 1:9

Acts 10:38

³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were **oppressed by the devil**, for God was with Him.

Oppression vs. Possession

2. Demon Possession

- **Demon possession** is an **extreme** form of evil completely controlling a person's mind, body and voice and is **beyond demonic influences** in society in the form of error, lies, false religion, etc.
- Possession can happen **willingly**. A person may desire to be taken over by spirit powers in order to conduct **seances, pronounce curses, become a witch**, or secure some other supernatural power.
- Possession can also occur **unwilling**. An individual does not ask to be possessed, but through **sinful thoughts, actions, or contact with the occult possession results**.
- **Believers in Christ cannot be possessed** (1 John 4:4; 1 Cor. 6:19-20)

[Movie – Acts 19 – 2:04 minute mark for 1.5 min](https://youtu.be/hBEKAGnylOk?t=7433)

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4) Deliverance

Deliverance & Exorcisms

- **Deliverance** is a broad term that can mean being freed from any problem of a spiritual nature or cause.
- **Exorcism** is the casting out of demons possessing a person.

How to Deal with Demon Possession

2. EVALUATE THE SITUATION (Discern–test the spirits, 1 John 4:1)

- Jesus delegated the power to cast out demons to all believers: Mark 16:17 – “And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons”
- There is no spiritual gift of “casting out demons”, however, there is a gift of “discerning the spirits”
- **Is it Demon Oppression?** – **Physical problems** such as chronic sickness; mental issues – depression, confusion, abnormal behavior; **Emotional issues** such as hatred, resentment, anger, fear, rejection, self pity, jealousy, worry, insecurity; **Spiritual problems**; **major immorality** (sexual, etc.) or **Circumstances**.
- **Is it Demon Possession?** – Moral filthiness; Unusual strength; Rage; Resistance to spiritual things; Self harm/cutting, etc.

How to Deliver People from Demons

1. Prepare

- Deliverance ministry is the “driving out of demons” or the tearing down of strongholds.
- Fast and pray before you go to minister deliverance since Jesus said that is the only way to cast out some demons.
- Whenever possible, a team of believers should be used when binding or casting out demons. Jesus sent out His disciples in pairs for this ministry (Mark 6:7).
- Prepare the person who is to receive the ministry. They need to have their faith built through the word of God about deliverance. (This may not be possible in the case of possession).
- Faith is required for God's delivering power and it comes by hearing God's Word, so instruction is important. Jesus combined preaching and teaching with healing and deliverance and He instructed His followers to do so also.

How to Deliver People from Demons

2. Question the Person

- Jesus often did this. He asked people questions concerning their faith and then dealt with negative forces of unbelief before ministering.
 - Mark 5:1-20: Jesus questions the demonized man.
 - Mark 8:22-26: Questioning the blind man.
 - Mark 9:14-27: A boy with an evil spirit.
 - Mark 10:46-52: Questioning blind Bartimaeus.
- **Ask the person, what is the problem and to make their request known to God.** The request is in itself an act of faith that can set in motion the healing processes (James 5:14-15). **Ask for a specific statement.** You need only brief facts, not a life story or psychoanalysis.
- Ask the person, "**Do you believe Jesus can deliver you?**" If they answer positively, then ask, "**Do you believe Jesus will do it now?**" If the answer is "no" to either of these questions, further instruction from God's Word is needed.
- You may need to instruct the person in **forgiveness** since this is often the root problem. They need to accept the things that happened to them is due to the sin of mankind and themselves to ask God to heal their hurt since **God will only forgiven them if they forgive others.**

How to Deliver People from Demons

3. Pray a Deliverance Prayer

- Just as salvation is based on the condition of **FAITH**, so is deliverance. **You must believe God can and will deliver.**
- Use others to help you minister if you are in a group setting.
- Jesus taught that first you should bind the enemy, then you can exercise power over him (Matt. 12:29).
- **In cases of demon oppression**, demonic powers are binding in oppression from the outside, pray for their hold to be loosed and their powers to be bound.
- **In cases of demon possession**, it is important to use the name of Jesus in the actual prayer of casting out the demon.

How to Deliver People from Demons

4. Deliverance Prayer Pattern Examples

- "In the name of Jesus Christ and on the basis of the authority of His power, His Word, His blood, and the Holy Spirit..." ...
- "...I bind you...."
- "...and I command you..." ...
- You can speak quietly, but you must take authority over the forces of evil in the name of Jesus. Look directly into the eyes of the person as you speak. "...the spirit of _____" or "...you foul spirit of Satan..." ... "...to depart...." ...this is the casting out process...
- "I forbid you to reenter this person..."
- "...and I loose the Holy Spirit to fill of this person with the cleansing, delivering power of the blood of Jesus."

How to Deliver People from Demons

5. Extreme Cases

- In extreme cases of demon possession, unless you are forced out of necessity to exorcise the demon, **it may be best to seek a minister or priest who is experienced in exorcisms and deliverance.**
- Demon exorcism is serious spiritual work, and can backfire if you don't have strong faith in Jesus and proper preparation by prayer and fasting.

Missionary Stories of the Supernatural

Beyond the Veil, by HA Baker

<https://www.biblesnet.com/HA%20Baker%20Visions%20Beyond%20the%20Veil.pdf>

H.A. Baker, (1881–1971), was an American author and missionary to Tibet from 1911 to 1919, to China from 1919 to 1950, when he was forced to leave the mainland, and then lived in Taiwan from 1955 until his death in 1971.

Mark 1: 21-22

Jesus Casts Out Demon from Man in Synagogue

Exorcism – Spiritual Warfare

- **The demons alone know with certainty who Jesus is – “the Holy One of God”.** (James 2:19 “Even demons believe ...and tremble”; they have supernatural knowledge to know this)
- **Demon was in the church disguised as “angels of light”.** (2 Corinth. 11:14 “For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.”)
- **Jesus dealt with the demon, not the man (“come out of him”)**
- **This exorcism is described as a teaching “doctrine”.** Exorcisms prior to Jesus were long procedures and often failed. Jesus’ power over demons is immediate and with complete authority (Eph. 1:21). V.28 “immediately His fame spread”, because of this Exorcism and Authoritative Teaching.
- **Demons were common.** Exorcism was not a peripheral part of Jesus’ ministry, but a core part. (casting out demons is mentioned 3 times in chapter 1 alone (1:23-27, 32, 39), and there are 4 major demonic exorcism passages in Mark!). There were no demon exorcisms in the OT prior to Jesus, indicating the Kingdom of God had arrived.

Mark 5: 1-20

Jesus Casts Out Demons from Man in the Tombs into 2,000 Pigs

[Movie – Mark 5](#)

https://youtu.be/7T7mYE8kZ1w?list=PLcJVluhI8isJMzXK9iJ_UhJrcRu7lgtiN&t=96

(Mark 5: 1-20)

Characteristics of the Demon Possessed Man

- Mark describes the demon possessed man as having:
 - **supernatural strength** (broke chains & shackles)
 - living among the tombs **naked** (Luke 8:27), sign of evil/perversion
 - always **screaming** and **cutting himself** with stones.
- The demon possessed man ran to Jesus and worshipped Him and called Him **“Jesus, Son of the Most High God”**. Not only did the demons believe in Jesus and His authority over them, but they knew of their coming judgement.
 - Some of the highest Christology in Mark comes from Demons: “Holy One of God” (1:24); “Son of God” (3:11) and now the highest of all “Son of the Most High God” – Demons know the orthodox truth about Jesus, Salvation, Judgement and Hell – they are not liberal biblical interpreters.
- This supernatural strength of the man recalls Jesus’ description about the “stronger one” (Jesus) binding the **“strong man”** (Satan: Mark 3:27), and now Jesus demonstrates His power as the “Stronger One”.
- **Mark says three times that no human power was able to restrain him**, and it was not just a battle with one demon (as in Mark 1:23-26), but with a Legion of demons (a Roman military term for 6,000 men) and by implication with Satan himself.

(Mark 5: 1-20)

Jesus' Power over Demons

- Jesus is in **complete control**, and the demons disclose their name at His **command** and only go into the pigs because Jesus **“gave them permission”** (Mark 5: 13).
- Jesus' control over demons was also shown in the synagogue in Mark 1: 27 **“What is this...He commands the unclean spirits, and they obey Him.”**. While others attempted exorcisms, not many could do it (Acts 19:13-16).
- Of all biblical accounts where demons are confronted and cast out, this is the most dramatic scene other than when God cast out Satan and his rebellious angels (Rev. 12:7-12).
- This exorcism is similar to the one in Mark 1:23-26 (i.e. loud cry and acknowledgement of who Jesus is), however, Jesus' awesome power is emphasized even further by the description of the man's state before and afterwards.
- The outcast man is now **restored** and sat **“clothed and in his right mind”**.

(Mark 5: 1-20)

The 2,000 Pigs – Possible Interpretation

- The violent end of the large herd of 2,000 pigs seems odd since Jesus talked with the demons, however, it is important to note that it was the demons who begged to go into the swine.
- Jesus “gave them permission”, showing that the demons knew Jesus could have sent them somewhere even worse, however, their new home in the pigs was short lived, thereby showing this wasn’t Jesus negotiating, but teaching us a lesson.
- It could be that Jesus wanted the disciples (and us) to learn the murderous intent of the forces of evil, and that the impact on the pigs (physical death) is a picture of their impact on man (spiritual death), and only Jesus has the power to overcome this.
- Jesus thought it more important to teach us this lesson about evil powers, so that we will believe and be saved, than to spare 2,000 pigs.

Reaction of the Man vs. the People

- The **Demon possessed man** “**begged**” Jesus if he could go with Him.
 - The **People** “**pleaded**” with Jesus to leave (afraid of Him)
 - The **Demon** “**begged**” Jesus to not cast them out of the country
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- Jesus refused the man’s request and told him “**Go home to your friends and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He had compassion on you.**” (his testimony – are we unashamed to tell others of all the great things the Lord has done for us?).
 - Pleaded & Begged when translated mean the same. While the demons were right to beg Jesus not to destroy them, the townspeople were wrong, and committed the same sin as the scribes in Mark 3:22. It may be they were upset for losing such a large herd of pigs, or that they (unrepentant sinners) were afraid of further punishment on themselves.
 - Jesus breaks with the Messianic secret and tells the man to go and tell others. Maybe because He was in a Gentile (pig keeping) region where there would be no risk of a false Messianic movement starting, and also due to the miracle being an exorcism rather than a healing.

Mark 9: 14-25

Jesus Casts Out Demons from Man's Son (Child)

[Movie – Mark9](#)

https://youtu.be/jPXvVfYORx4?list=PLcJVluhI8isJMzXK9iJ_UhJrcRu7lgtiN&t=126

(Mark 9: 14-29)

Demon Possessed Boy

“ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE”

- Jesus and the 3 disciples return down the mountain (Luke 9:39 says “on the next day”) to the other disciples and a crowd and scribes who were arguing with them about why they couldn’t cast out a demon in a boy.
- Their disappointment seems reasonable since Jesus had given them authority over evil spirits (Mark 6:7) and they had exercised it without any trouble (Mark 6:13).
- Jesus’ response to their failure was to harshly rebuke them in the same language as He used in Mark 8:39 (“**generation**” – **faithless**, adulterous and sinful).

BECAUSE “THIS KIND” OF DEAFNESS?

- Boy was possessed with an EVIL, Destructive demon since childhood that had prevented the boy from speaking or hearing, and whose aim was to KILL the boy by throwing him in fire and water (which implies not just physical death but judgement).
- Second example in Mark of a child who is demon possessed (first was 7:25-30). **Illness here is linked to the demonic.**
- Deliverance from this demon was like raising someone from the dead (v.26-27) & was permanent (v.25 “...enter him no more.”)
- **Unbelief** on the part of the disciples (v.19 “faithless generation”) and the father (v.24).
- Jesus looks to the father for his faith, not the boy. Unlike the Leper of Mark 1:40 who asks Jesus “if you are willing”, here the man asks Jesus “if you can”.
- Therefore, “**this kind**” of demon possession is a picture of every man’s captivity to Satan from birth, causing **UNBELIEF and DEAFNESS** to God’s Word, leading to death and hell if not redeemed.

CAN ONLY BE CAST OUT BY PRAYER

“Help my Unbelief”

- The **ANSWER** to the disciple’s question in v. 28 (“Why could we not cast it out?”) is because they **DIDN’T PRAY in FAITH**.
- Jesus’ conversation with the father explains what prayer means:
 - **Dependence on Jesus** – Father brings the boy to Jesus.
 - Father Prays to Jesus (v. 24) “Help my unbelief!” –Mark 9:23 **“All things are possible to him who believes.”**
- The **“all things”** should be interpreted to all things **in God’s Word, His promises to us**, not all things with respect to our selfish desires. **Faith is the key that unlocks God’s power.**
- **It’s not the amount of faith you have, but the OBJECT of your faith.**

Mark 7: 24-30

Jesus Casts Out Demon from Woman's Daughter

[Movie – Mark 7](#)

https://youtu.be/d1Uz5Pxdq5o?list=PLcJVluhl8isJMzXK9iJ_UhJrcRu7lgtiN&t=184

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- Another example of **demon possession and exorcism**, however, **this time it is in a child!**
- The woman showed **SAVING FAITH** by responding with an acknowledgement Jesus is **Lord**, and that she and her child were extremely lowly, humble and dependent on Jesus' grace which she had no right to.
- Matthew 15:28 "**O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.**" Jesus rewards her "faith" by healing her daughter and casting out the demons from a distance.

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- Jesus replies in a parable of the **priority of Israel, as children of God** (Ex 4:22, Deut 14:1, 32:6; **Is 1:2**, Jer 31:9, **Hos 11:1-3**). In Matthew 15:24 Jesus says, **“I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.** – therefore, in this context, the “Children” are referring to the Jews or the lost sheep of Israel.
- **In the context of the feeding miracles, “bread” suggests redemption** and the verb translated “eat all they want” in Mark 7:27 is the same as “were satisfied” in Mark 6:42 & 8:8
- Romans 9-11 is devoted to showing that God saves the Gentiles without breaking any of His promises to Israel, consistent with Jesus’ teaching here (Gen 12:3 – covenant).
 - “Little Dogs” (v.27 & v 28) - GENTILES second
 - “Little Crumbs” (v 28) - BREAD – redemption/salvation
 - “Little Children” (v 28) - JEWS/ISREAL first
- Jesus does not mean “dogs” in an insulting derogatory sense, because in the Greek, dogs refers to household pets, although there considered “unclean” by Jews, and was intended to mean that others took preference over her.