



“Jesus, Lord Over the Powers of Evil”

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Introduction – *Opposition to Jesus and His ministry continues as He encounters a demon possessed man on the other side of the sea.*

I. Demons Are Real.

A. The Scripture clearly teaches that evil spiritual forces of darkness called demons are real.

1. They are well organized.
2. They are fallen angels who serve Satan.
3. They have personalities.
4. They have supernatural powers and abilities.
5. They are cunning and highly intelligent.
6. They were created good but became evil.

B. Demons are not the only source of our problems, but are a real threat.

II. How Demons Influence People.

A. The demon possessed man exhibits some classic signs of demonic influence.

1. A preoccupation with death.
2. A growing resistance to authorities, and any kind of restraint.

3. No rest.

4. A desire to hurt himself.

B. Demons influence us in the realm of the spirit, primarily through our thoughts and desires.

C. Demons attempt to use our own propensities to sin against us.

1. Pride.
2. False beliefs.
3. Holding grudges.
4. Selfish desires.

D. If we sense the influence of demons:

1. Repent
2. Rebuke
3. Rededicate your life to Jesus.

III. How Jesus Defeats the Powers of Evil.

A. Jesus' exorcism is unprecedented.

B. Ironically, the demons try to exorcise Jesus.

C. Jesus frees the man and reverses the effects of evil.

Conclusion