

# DELIVER US FROM EVIL

*How Satan Attacks, God Protects, and Our Choices Matter*

Part 1: *The Fog of War*  
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### APPETIZER: The Ultimate Exorcism

John 12:31-32

### DINE IN: Home Invasion – And Eviction

Mark 9:14-29; Acts 16:16-18; 19:11-16

#### TOP TEN EXORCISM PASSAGES...

1. THE SYNAGOGUE SURPRISE: Jesus has authority over demon/impure spirit. (Mark 1:21-34 // Luke 4:31-37)
2. A WALK AMONG THE TOMBSTONES: Jesus casts demons into pigs; it ends well for the man, not for the pigs. (Matthew 8:28-34 // Mark 5:1-20 // Luke 8:26-39)
3. LONG DISTANCE DELIVERANCE: Jesus heals/casts out demon/impure spirit from child in response to her mother's faith. (Matthew 15:21-28 // Mark 7:24-30)
4. DISCIPLES FAIL: Some kinds of impure spirits won't come out without prayer. (Matthew 17:14-23 // Mark 9:14-29 // Luke 9:37-45)
5. LIGHTENING STRIKES: Jesus gives authority over demons to his seventy-two disciples. (Luke 10:17-20)
6. (NO) VACANCY: Jesus "heals" a demonized man, is accused of using Satan's power, and then teaches on the kingdom, binding the strong man, and what happens when our house is empty. (Matthew 12:22-45 // Mark 3:23-27 // Luke 11:14-28)
7. BOUND BY SATAN: Jesus frees a woman who had been disabled by a spirit for eighteen years. (Luke 13:10-17)
8. SIGNS & WONDERS: The Apostles "heal" the sick AND those tormented by impure spirits. (Acts 5:16; 8:4-8)
9. BAD FOR BUSINESS: Paul casts out a spirit from a slave girl who made money predicting the future. (Acts 16:16-18)
10. NICE TRY: Non-Christian exorcists try to use the name of Jesus to cast out demons. It doesn't end well. (Acts 19:11-16)

#### FIVE TRUTHS ABOUT POSSESSION...

1. "Demon possession" can be a misleading term. In Scripture, people are "demonized". They "have" a demon, the demon doesn't have them.
2. Demons want to be inside us, and will congregate when our "house" is *unoccupied*.
3. Scripture refrains from drawing correlations between demonization and some sinful activity as an antecedent cause. In war, there are "innocent" victims. Shame can prevent people from seeking help.
4. Demons can manipulate people to cause severe damage.
5. Sometimes illness has a demonic root.

#### FIVE TRUTHS ABOUT EXORCISM...

1. Some Christians will be more spiritually intuitive than others, which may equip them to be better exorcists. (1 Corinthians 12:10)
2. There are different kinds of evil spirits, and some stronger ones need more prayer.
3. The power of exorcism lies not in having the right *formula*, but the right *faith*; not the right *ritual*, but the right *relationship* with Jesus.
4. Jesus has given his disciples authority over demons.
5. Be filled with the Spirit, and let his fruit be your focus. (Ephesians 5:15-20)

#### EXORCISM THROUGH DISPLACEMENT...



#### EXORCISM FOR DUMMIES...

1. Have an authentic relationship with Jesus.
2. Live a life of ongoing prayer.
3. If possible, partner with someone who has the gift of discerning spirits.
4. Command the evil spirit(s) to leave in the name of Jesus.
5. Invite the victim to receive Christ and welcome his Spirit.
6. Draw them into community for full discipleship.
7. Follow up on other issues (mental or physical) with professionals.

### TAKE OUT: Welcoming The Holy Spirit

Who is your house guest?

Ephesians 5:15-20; Matthew 6:10

## Home Church Questions

### HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic]

1. After reviewing Sunday's message, talk about what stood out to you – whether lessons learned or lingering questions. (NOTE: There is lots we DON'T know, but lots we CAN know. Don't spend so much time debating what we don't know that you miss opportunities to learn what we can know from the text of Scripture.)

### HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture]

2. Read **Mark 9:14-29**. [Or skip this and just do #3. You've got options!]
  - a. What verse or idea stands out to you the most? Any "ah hah" moments, or lingering questions?
  - b. The boy was fiercely demonized since he was little. This is a hard and harsh reality. What does it tell you about the kind of universe we live in?
  - c. Do you find it encouraging or discouraging that Jesus never attributes the cause of demonization to something the victim has done?
  - d. What is the role of faith in spiritual warfare?
  - e. What is the role of prayer?
3. [And/Or]... Read **Matthew 12:22-29 & 43-45**
  - a. What verse or idea stands out to you the most? Any "ah hah" moments, or lingering questions?
  - b. Why do you think the Pharisees would resort to a weird theory about Jesus being in league with Satan rather than simply accept his miracles as evidence of him being the Messiah?
  - c. How does the Pharisees' theory of Jesus using Satan's power help substantiate the historicity of Jesus' miracles?
  - d. Think of Jesus' words in verse 25 as applied to the state of the Church today and throughout history. What is Jesus saying – TO US?
  - e. Why is the concept of the "kingdom" so central to Jesus' teaching? What point is Jesus trying to make by using that language?
  - f. Why do you think demons like living inside people?

### HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together]

4. Thinking of #2 above – How is your prayer life?
5. Thinking of #3 above – Do you feel like you have any areas of your life that are "unoccupied" – where the Spirit of Christ is not fully welcome?
6. And/Or... Use your 2/4/6/8 Huddle Questions. (Hopefully you've saved your handout. If not, check on our web site under Teaching/Resources.) You'll likely only have time for 2 – 4 questions. Don't forget to pray for each other!
7. Remember to exchange contact information and decide how you will connect and catch up before next week's Home Church – phone, email, BBM, in person, etc?

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## Quotes

Today we continue our series on true evil – where it comes from, how it operates, and what Jesus has done for us in order to overcome it.

Our focus today is on demon possession and exorcism. The Bible has a lot to say on this topic, and here are some passages worth considering...

**God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.**

~ The Apostle Peter (The Acts of the Apostles)

**A woman who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity."**

~ The Gospel of Luke

**A man at the synagogue was possessed by an impure spirit. At the rebuke of Jesus, the impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. The people were all amazed and asked, "What is this? A new teaching – and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him!"**

~ The Gospel of Mark

**All the people were amazed at Jesus and said to each other, "What words there are! With authority and power he gives orders to impure spirits and they come out!"**

~ The Gospel of Luke

**I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.**

~ Jesus to his Disciples (The Gospel of Luke)

**The time for judging this world has come, when Satan, the ruler of this world, will be cast out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.**

~ Jesus (The Gospel of John)

**If it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.**

~ Jesus (The Gospel of Matthew)