

Jesus Came to Set Free the Oppressed

Luke 4:18-19; Mark 1:21-28; Matthew 17:14-23

1. (Mark 5:3-4) **The spirit of fear**

Jesus goes into those areas controlled by the devil where everyone else is afraid to go.

2. (Mark 1:21-24; Mark 5:17) **Recognition of authority**

Demons are disturbed not by intellectual teaching, theological teaching, doctrinal accuracy, etc. they are stirred up by teaching with authority. Demons are not afraid to allow the people they possess to even attend church services, as long as there is no true spiritual authority there. They recognize who Jesus is and His power. Those who have nothing to hide will welcome Jesus. Those who do, will ask Him to leave!

3. (Mark 1:25; Matthew 8:16) **Resisting evil spirits**

You never read in the Bible about "exorcism". Jesus didn't allow them to speak, and used simply a word.

4. (Mark 1:26, 9:26-27) **The effect of being set free**

Throwing down into the ground into violent convulsions and crying out with a loud voice is what evil spirits do. Jesus quietly lifts up!

5. (Mark 1:28; Luke 8:38-39) **Why God allows evil spirits to still have power**

God hasn't bound Satan or his forces yet. He allows them to have power in order to demonstrate His power to those who don't know about Him.

6. (Matthew 15:25-28; I Peter 5:8-9) **Firm in faith**

Be like the Syrophenician woman.

7. (Matthew 17:21-23; John 19:11) **Preparation for ministry**

Jesus gives His authority to those who follow Him to death in their daily life, and live lives of constant prayer and fasting.