

Mark 1:21-39 (New International Version)

21They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. **22**The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. **23**Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, **24**"What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

25"Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" **26**The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

27The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him." **28**News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

29As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. **30**Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her. **31**So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

32That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. **33**The whole town gathered at the door, **34**and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

35Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. **36**Simon and his companions went to look for him, **37**and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

38Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." **39**So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

Word Meanings

Capernaum v.21 = a place name

Sabbath v.21 = saturday – the Jewish day of rest each week

Synagogue v.21,39 = a place where Jews gathered together to read the Bible especially on the sabbath

Teachers of the law v.22 = experts in interpreting the Jewish Bible

Possessed/Demon possessed v.23,32 = a person in whom one or more demons live

Demon v.33 = an evil or unclean spirit under Satan's orders

Introducing Jesus Series

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For Discussion

1. In verse 25, Jesus tells the evil spirits to be silent. Why does he do this?
2. What do you find strange about Jesus response the disciples when they say to him in verse 37, "Everyone is looking for you"? What does Jesus' answer tell us?