

## Mark 1:21-28 Jesus the Teacher casts out demons

“Then they came to Capernaum, and on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” Jesus rebuked him and said, “Quiet! Come out of him!” The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, “What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.” His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.”

Does anything strike you as odd, or unexpected about this reading?

How about 1) ‘In the synagogue -- man with unclean spirit?’

Or 2) ‘I know who you are’, so Jesus says ‘Be quiet!’?

Or 3) No wonder he feels possessed, “What have you to do with us, have you come to destroy us? I know who you are...”

Who are ‘authorities’? what does it mean to be an ‘authority’ on something?

This man who was afflicted is described as suffering: he ‘cried out’, ‘had unclean spirit’, ‘was convulsed’ and gave off ‘loud cry’. What might that have been?

What else did Jesus rebuke in his life and teaching (other than this unclean spirit)?

Mark 4:39 “He woke up, **rebuked the wind**, and said to the sea, “Quiet! Be still!”  
The wind ceased and there was great calm.”

Mark 8:33 “At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, **rebuked Peter** and said, “Get behind me, Satan.”

Other uses of ‘Rebuke’

Mark 3:12 Told unclean spirits, ‘Do not say Who I am’

Mark 8:30 To apostles “Tell no one I am the Messiah”

Mark 9:25 Another unclean spirit told not to reveal Jesus’ identity

Mark 10:13 Disciples rebuked people wrongly for bringing children to Jesus

Mark 10:48 Crowd rebuked Bartimaeus to quit calling out to Jesus

*People are ‘astonished’ at Jesus (v.22) ‘new teaching with authority’ (v. 27)*

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# Jesus Heals the Sick---Pacifies the Possessed

