Sunday Reading

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark 1:21–28: The Cure of a Demoniace

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? Anew teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.” His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

Focus Questions

1. What did the people in the synagogue think of Jesus’ teaching?
2. What did one of the men in the synagogue suffer from?
3. What did the unclean spirit say Jesus was?
4. What did Jesus command the unclean spirit to do? What happened?
Jesus Cures the Demoniac
Search and Find

**Directions:** Study the paintings below of Christ healing the Demoniac. Can you find 8 crucifixes hidden in the second painting?

*The Exorcism, Artist and date unknown*
Reflection Question

Both the people and the demon in the Gospel recognized that Jesus spoke with authority. What do you think it means to speak with authority? What authority does Jesus have? Why?

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