

THE HOLY ONE OF GOD
MARK 1:16-28

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Introduction:

As the Lord was walking along the seashore He saw Simeon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea because they were fishermen.

He then sees James and John who were mending their nets.

These men were faithful men but not fishers of men.

The Lord called these men to follow Him and they left their nets and ships and followed the Lord.

They then go to a town called Capernaum. It is here where an amazing event takes place.

Notice:

1. HIS PRIORITY

Mark 1:21

And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught.

- a. The first things they did was they went to the synagogue.

2. THERE PERCEPTION

Mark 1:22

And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

- A. His doctrine was clear
- B. His doctrine was authoritative
- C. His doctrine was true

3. A PROBLEM

Mark 1:23-24

And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, [24] Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.

A. Person – a man

B. Place – in their synagogue

C. Problem – with an unclean spirit

It is interesting where we find this man. Often we think that those who are in church are Christians and love the Lord. But that's not always the case.

Why in the world would a man possessed by demons even be interested in going to the house of God?

Why would the devil want to go to church?

Remember:

- The devil has always been religious.

A. W. Tozer said, "The devil is a better theologian than any of us and is a devil still."

James 2:18-19

Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. [19] Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

- The devil goes to church because he's looking for prey.

Notice how the plural pronouns indicate just how closely the demon was identified with the man through whom he was speaking.

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- The devil goes to church because he's seeking worship.

The devil wants to be worshipped as if he were God.

Matthew 4:9

And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

4. THE LORD'S POWER

A. Recognition

B. Respect

C. Results

1. Demons departed