

Deliverance from Demons

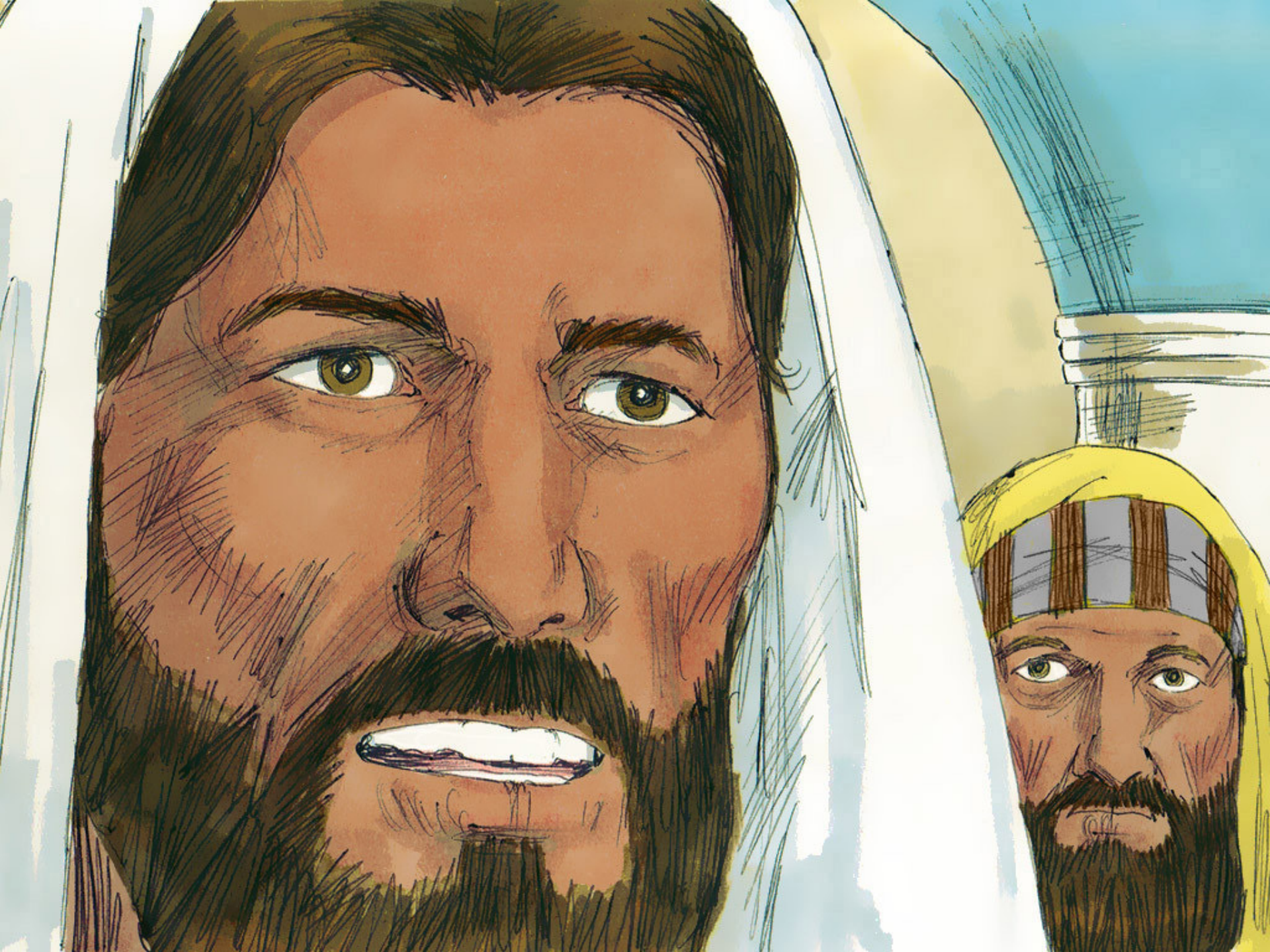
Luke 4:31-41

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³⁶ And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!” ³⁷ And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

³⁸ And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. ³⁹ And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

⁴⁰ Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹ And demons also came out of many, crying, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

Deliverance

- Churchgoers can be demonized. (4:33)
- They need deliverance, not blame.
- Demons know and fear Jesus. (4:34)
- Jesus rejects demonic testimony. (4:35)
- Jesus banishes demons by the power and authority of his command. (4:36)

Deliverance

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son...

He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them by the cross.

(Colossians 1:13-14; 2:15)

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Submit and resist

Submit yourselves, then, to God.

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. (James 4:7-8)

Do not give the devil a place... And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God. (Ephesians 4:27, 30)

Idols

The sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons. (1 Corinthians 10:20)

- Non-Christian religions; occult
- Higher priorities than God

Lies

The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. (1 Tim 4:1)

- Believing false doctrines
- Absorbing false feelings

Gentle deliverance

Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will. (2 Timothy 2:25-26)

Curses

The tongue also is a fire... It sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell... With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. (James 3:6, 9)

Bitterness

In your anger do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no place to the devil... And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God... Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger... Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. (Ephesians 4:26-32)

Forgiveness

Anyone you forgive, I also forgive.
And what I have forgiven—if there
was anything to forgive—I have
forgiven in the sight of Christ for your
sake, in order that Satan might not
outwit us. For we are not unaware of
his schemes. (2 Corinthians 2:10-11)

Rivalry

But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. (James 3:14-15)

Pride

He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap. (1 Timothy 3:6-7)

Sexuality

Come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. (1 Cor 7:5)

- Demons exploit sexual abuse
- Impurity opens door to slavery
- Bodily purity aids spiritual liberty

Drunk

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. (Eph 5:18-19)

- “Under influence” opens door
- Demons exploit addiction

Anxiety

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith. (1 Peter 5:7-9)

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Key to victory

The key to victory in spiritual warfare is knowing both **what Jesus Christ has done for you** and **what he has done to Satan**. Christians too often live in fear of what they think the devil might do, but can't, and in ignorance of what they can do, but don't. (Sam Storms)

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