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THE MIRACLES OF JESUS CHRIST

MIRACLE FIVE: Delivering a Demoniac in a Capernaum Synagogue (Mk. 1:23-28; Lk. 4:31-36)

SURVEY

Jesus was teaching on this occasion when He was suddenly and violently confronted by a demon-possessed man. The evil spirit immediately recognized Jesus as the Son of God, and, at the Savior's command, left his victim.

SIGNIFICANCE

- This is the first of seven miracles where Jesus casts out evil spirits. For the other instances, see miracles 12, 14, 18, 21, 25, and 28.
- This is the first of at least three occasions when evil spirits gave terrified testimony that Jesus was indeed God's Son. Note:
"And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God." (Mk. 3:11)
"And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ." (Lk 4:41)
James would later write of this:
"Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble." (James 2:19)
- This marks the first miracle performed in a synagogue.

SPIRITUAL TRUTHS

- It can be truly said that in the demonic world, unlike the world of sinful men, there are no atheists! These evil spirits knew exactly with whom they were dealing. Note:
 1. The demon called Him *"Jesus of Nazareth,"* acknowledging the Savior's humanity.
 2. The demon called Him, *"thou Son of God,"* acknowledging the Savior's deity.