

Do Demons Attend Church?

Mark 1:21-38

Intro: The Bible has a fair amount to say about demons (fallen angels). Most of the references are in the NT and most of those references surround the time and ministry of Jesus. It is as if the presence of the Son of God alone is enough to provoke their presence among men in a more open manner and increase their activity. But, Jesus was certainly not one to cower in their presence. His wise confrontation always left them on the defensive if not on the run.

I. The setting is the synagogue

- A. The Sabbath is the date (vs. 21)
- B. The synagogue is the focal point (vs. 21, 22, 29, 39)

II. The “sermon” is the focal point

- A. Jesus and his teaching (vs. 21, 22, 27)
- B. Jesus and his preaching (vs. 39)
- C. Jesus and his audience (vs. 22, 23, 33)
- D. Jesus and his detractors (vs. 23, 24, 34, 39)

III. The (unclean) spirits are His target

- A. Jesus’ confrontational action
 - 1. He rebukes them (vs. 25)
 - 2. He casts them out (vs. 34, 39)
 - 3. He silences them (vs. 35, 34)
- B. Jesus’ stature with the Galileans
 - 1. Amazement (vs. 22, 27)
 - 2. Authority (vs. 27, 31, 34, 39)
 - 3. Popularity (vs. 32, 37)

IV. What about demons today, do they indeed attend church?