

## Daniel Perrin – Lesson 2: Days in the Ministry of Jesus – Monday July 8: An Unforgettable Worship Service

Text: **Mark 1:21-28** – *Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup> And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup> Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, <sup>24</sup> saying, “Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!” <sup>25</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup> And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him. <sup>27</sup> Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him.” <sup>28</sup> And immediately His fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee.*

1. Jesus is INTRODUCED, Baptized, Tempted (& Victorious!), then begins calling Disciples He will train to minister
  - a. THEN, He gets right down to work.
  - b. What’s the work – Jesus REBUKES the unclean spirit (and casts it out)
    - Same word used in **Jude 1:9** – Michael, the Archangel (this is Jesus – pre-incarnate) Rebukes Satan to raise Moses to life.
2. There’s something else we NEED to notice here – That’s the *location*.
  - a. Satan’s desire is to bring INTO the church, things that distract the mind from Jesus.
  - b. Satan brings distractions into church worship: cellphone, judging others, frustration, fatigue, hunger
    - This is a Spiritual fight ... *just as it was in Capernaum*
    - The enemy loves to distract us from hearing the Word of God preached in His church.
    - Let’s commit ourselves RIGHT NOW – this Sabbath (and every Sabbath to follow) as we enter that Sanctuary, we are on Holy Ground – where God meets with His people – to instruct them.
      - **My Life Today, 286** – God’s house on earth as the “gate of Heaven”
  - c. Look AT the distraction
    - Demon possessed / Satan scoffs at Jesus
    - Satan had led this man here not only to distract / BUT to show how firm his control was
    - How this must hurt the heart of the Creator
3. Let’s talk about Demon Possession
  - a. This is a REAL person with a family, with a childhood
    - Someone of whom Jesus says, “before I formed you in the womb, I knew you”
    - Jesus cares about INDIVIDUALS – their suffering (EVEN IF SELF-INDUCED) touches His heart
  - b. There are two influencing powers
    - The Holy Spirit– abides in the Heart, works with our cooperation to will and to do according to God’s pleasure.
      - This brings our will into united effort with God’s , leading to a sound mind.
    - The opposite is true of an Evil UNHOLY Spirit
      - When we persistently resist the promptings of the Holy Spirit, we yield our mind to the control of Satan, and our character begins to resemble his.
      - The further we separate ourselves from the influence of God, the more firmly will our mind be influenced by Satan ... until we are under the grip of a spiritual power we can not break free from on our own.

- This process is GRADUAL (not based on one decision or one action)
  - BUT it is the result of living out of harmony with God's will
    - TRUE HEALING BRINGS YOU IN TO GOD'S WILL
- c. He must be helped – No “self-help”
- **DA 255.4** – *He was roused to long for freedom from Satan's control; but the demon resisted the power of Christ. When the man tried to appeal to Jesus for help, the evil spirit put words into his mouth, and he cried out in an agony of fear. The demoniac partially comprehended that he was in the presence of One who could set him free; but when he tried to come within reach of that mighty hand, another's will held him, another's words found utterance through him.*
- d. The man is convulsed
- There is no casting out of Satan's influence without a tumult of the life and soul
4. The People are Amazed. – Because Jesus' Teaching had power AND His Methods of Healing Work
- a. We are in a world that Needs Jesus' Methods of Healing
- Medical Missionary Work is the Gospel in Illustration
  - To find the hurting (ALL KINDS OF HURTING) and share with them the Simple Remedies that are within easy reach of anyone for restoring health to our lives.
  - **5T 443.1** – *Pure air and water, cleanliness, a proper diet, purity of life, and a firm trust in God are remedies for the want of which thousands are dying; yet these remedies are going out of date because their skilful use requires work that the people do not appreciate.*
- b. AND this world needs Jesus' Methods of Teaching (“DOCTRINE”)
- The world doesn't want human opinions.
    - We need to speak straight from Scripture. THEN demonstrate its power in our lives

**DA 256.3-4** – *The secret cause of the affliction that had made this man a fearful spectacle to his friends and a burden to himself was in his own life. He had been fascinated by the pleasures of sin, and had thought to make life a grand carnival. He did not dream of becoming a terror to the world and the reproach of his family. He thought his time could be spent in innocent folly. But once in the downward path, his feet rapidly descended. Intemperance and frivolity perverted the noble attributes of his nature, and Satan took absolute control of him. Remorse came too late. When he would have sacrificed wealth and pleasure to regain his lost manhood, he had become helpless in the grasp of the evil one. He had placed himself on the enemy's ground, and Satan had taken possession of all his faculties. The tempter had allured him with many charming presentations; but when once the wretched man was in his power, the fiend became relentless in his cruelty, and terrible in his angry visitations. So it will be with all who yield to evil; the fascinating pleasure of their early career ends in the darkness of despair or the madness of a ruined soul.*