

Gospel of Mark

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15 Sacrificed

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Where's Your Devil?

1:27 They were all amazed, “What thing is this?” ... **authority** commandeth he even the **Unclean Spirits** ... they do obey him.



Zerubbabel Displays a Plan
of Jerusalem to Cyrus the Great
by Jacob van Loo, c. 1666

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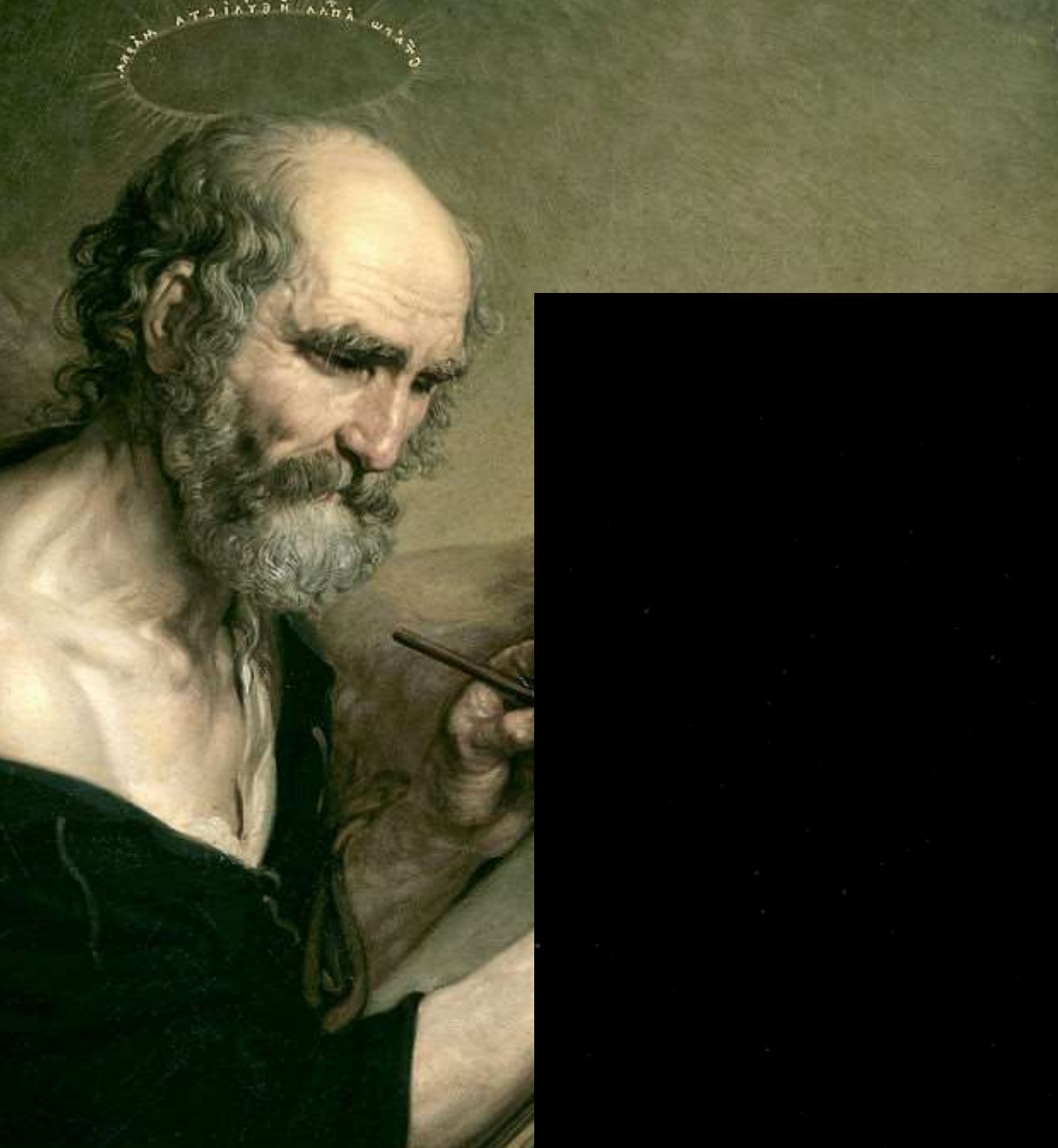
- ❖ Jeremiah chap 52 detailed *dire suffering* as Babylon *destroyed* Jerusalem
- ❖ After 70 years, Babylon is *destroyed* and Persia **RISES**
- ❖ 539 B.C. Cyrus the Great ***FREEES*** Israelites
- ❖ Ezra & Nehemiah & Zerubbabel Begin to **Rebuild** Jerusalem
- ❖ Judaism takes off ...
- ❖ 20 B.C. Herod the Great **Rebuilds** Temple
- ❖ **Judaism** 500 yrs old @ birth of Jesus

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- ❖ Legend St. Mark visited by an Angel in Venice as a Winged Lion
- ❖ TODAY Venice still reveres Mark as their church's founder
- ❖ St. Mark's Basilica, Venice, has Mark on top with a Lion beneath
- ❖ Mark is Patron Saint of lawyers & prisoners

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Opens us to a **NEW VIEW** of the World

Very soon, world of **Unclean Spirits**
and **Devils** harass humankind!

The presence of **Satan & Devils** is an
exclusively N.T. phenomena

NOT in the O.T. or **AFTER** the
N.T. Church Apostle Age

Oh, **Satan & his Devils** are real, today
as much then, just **LESS CLEAR**

Apostles were those who **KNEW** Christ
personally ... their era is **PAST**

We **NO** longer have the **THEIR** Clarity
Apostles had the Living Christ with them
We have the Risen Christ IN US

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16 Now as he walked by the Sea of Galilee,
he saw Simon & Andrew his brother
casting a net into the sea ... fishermen.

17 Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me ...
I will make you to become Fishers of Men.

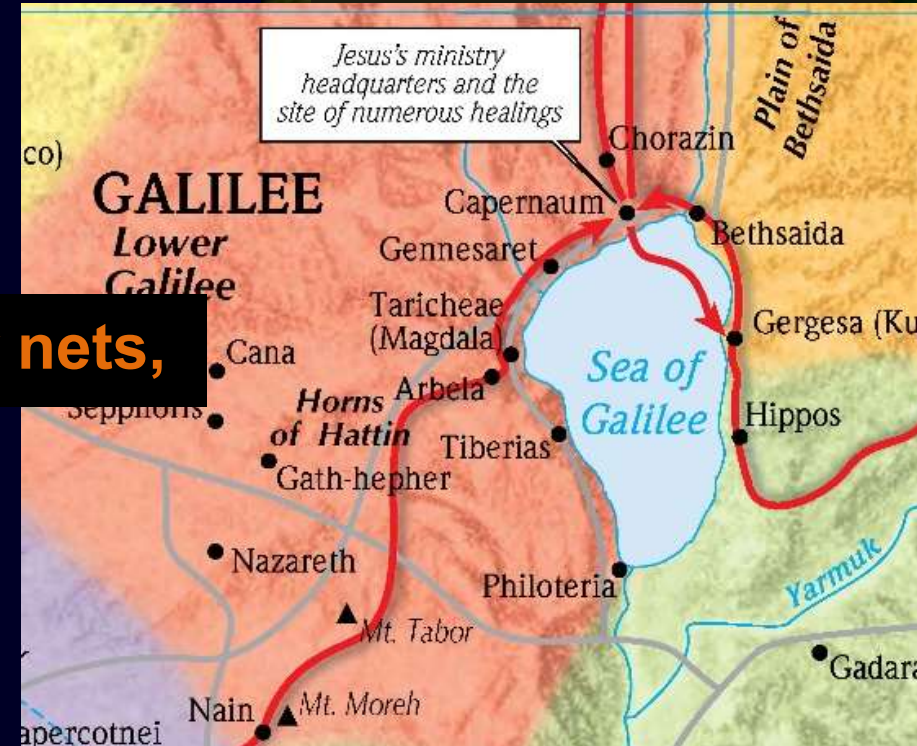
18 **Straightway/Immediately** they forsook their nets,

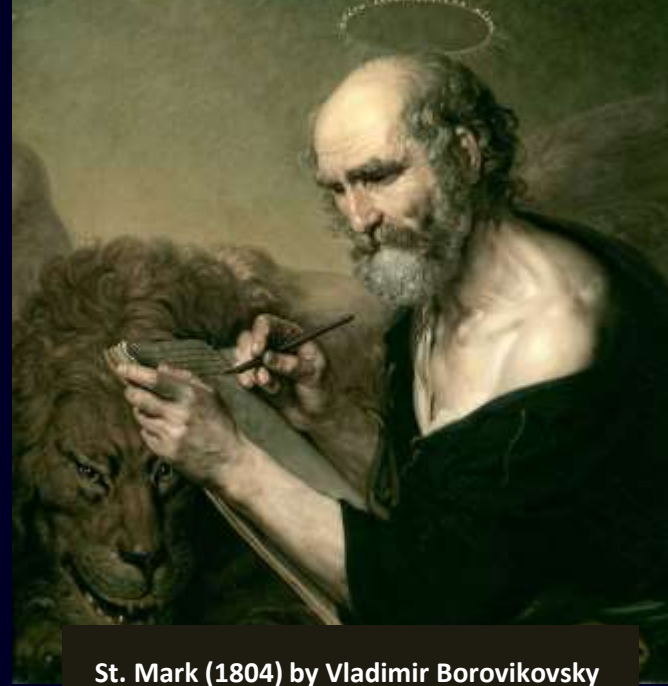
19 **called James & John ... left their father**

Matthew 18x, Luke 7x, John 6x

Mark 11x in chapter 1 – 42x in all

every chapter except 13 & 16





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Mark is
ACTIVE

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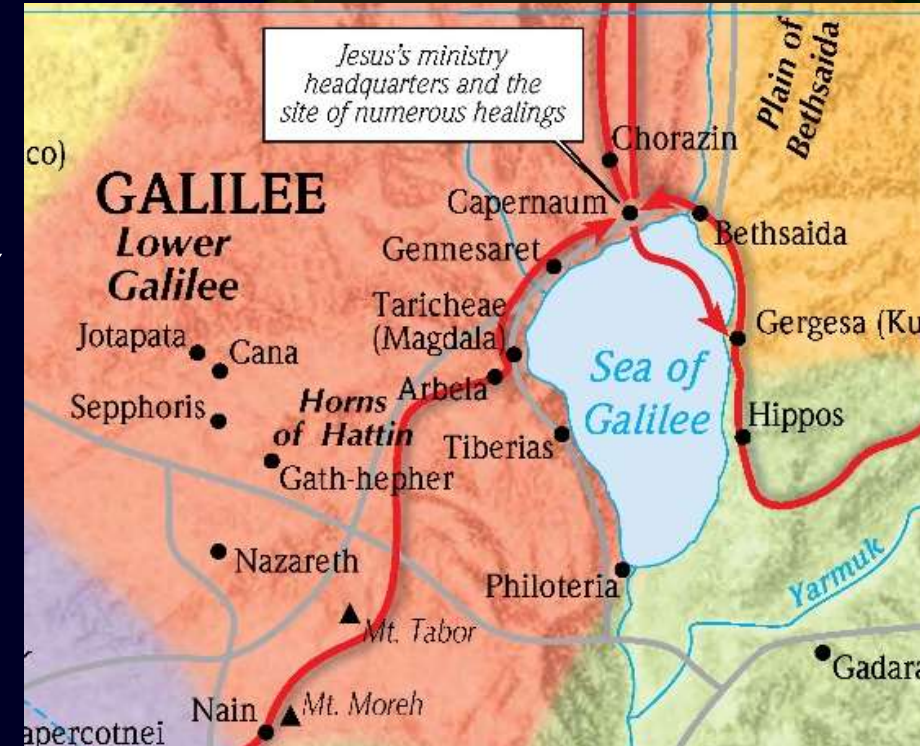
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- 21 They went into Capernaum, and straightway on the sabbath day Jesus entered into the synagogue & taught.
- 22 They were astonished at his doctrine, for he taught them as one that had **AUTHORITY** and **NOT** as the scribes.

PEOPLE perceived Jesus' **AUTHORITY**

“Authority” appears **102x** in N.T. – this **52x** exousian



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Matt 8:9 – under *authority* as soldiers

Matt 10:1 – Jesus gave *authority* over Unclean Spirit

Mark 2:10 – Son of Man *authority* on earth to forgive sins

Luke 4:6-7 – Devil said Jesus, “All this *authority* will I give thee ... **IF** thou wilt worship me

John 1:12 – Jesus gave them *authority* to become children of God

1 Cor 15:24 – Then the **END**, when he shall deliver up the Kingdom of God ... shall have **PUT DOWN ALL** rule & **ALL** *authority* & power [*dynamite*].

Revelation 11:6 – These have *authority* to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy



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23-24 And in their synagogue a man with an
UNCLEAN SPIRIT, and he cried out, 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.

Twilight Zone ... NOT merely or all superstitions



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Superstition? Mark & others **RECORD dialogue!**

As I read the N.T., this Twilight Zone ONLY happens
while Jesus is walking the earth

My View—**SATAN** is in “Hail Mary” Mode ...

SATAN is as ACTIVE as he is capable ... *fighting*
FIGHTING God & Jesus

ONLY Jesus fully sees & understands ...



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- 25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying,
HOLD THY PEACE and come out of him.
- 26 And when the **UNCLEAN SPIRIT** had *torn* him,
and cried with a **LOUD VOICE**,
he came out of him.
- 27 They were all amazed, "What thing is this?"
... **authority** commandeth he even the
UNCLEAN SPIRITS ... they do obey him.
- 28 **Immediately** his fame spread abroad
thru all the region round about Galilee.



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29 Forthwith/Immediately, when they came out of the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon & Andrew, with James & John.

30 But Simon's wife's mother lay sick ...

31 Jesus came & took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.

Mark & others WITNESS all this



*Healing Peter's mother-in-law
by John Bridges (1818-1854)*

This is **AFTER** the birth & early LIFE of Christ
Before the First Creation Miracle at Cana wedding

Calling of a few disciples,
2 LEAVE their father

By chapter 1 sooo
much **missing**

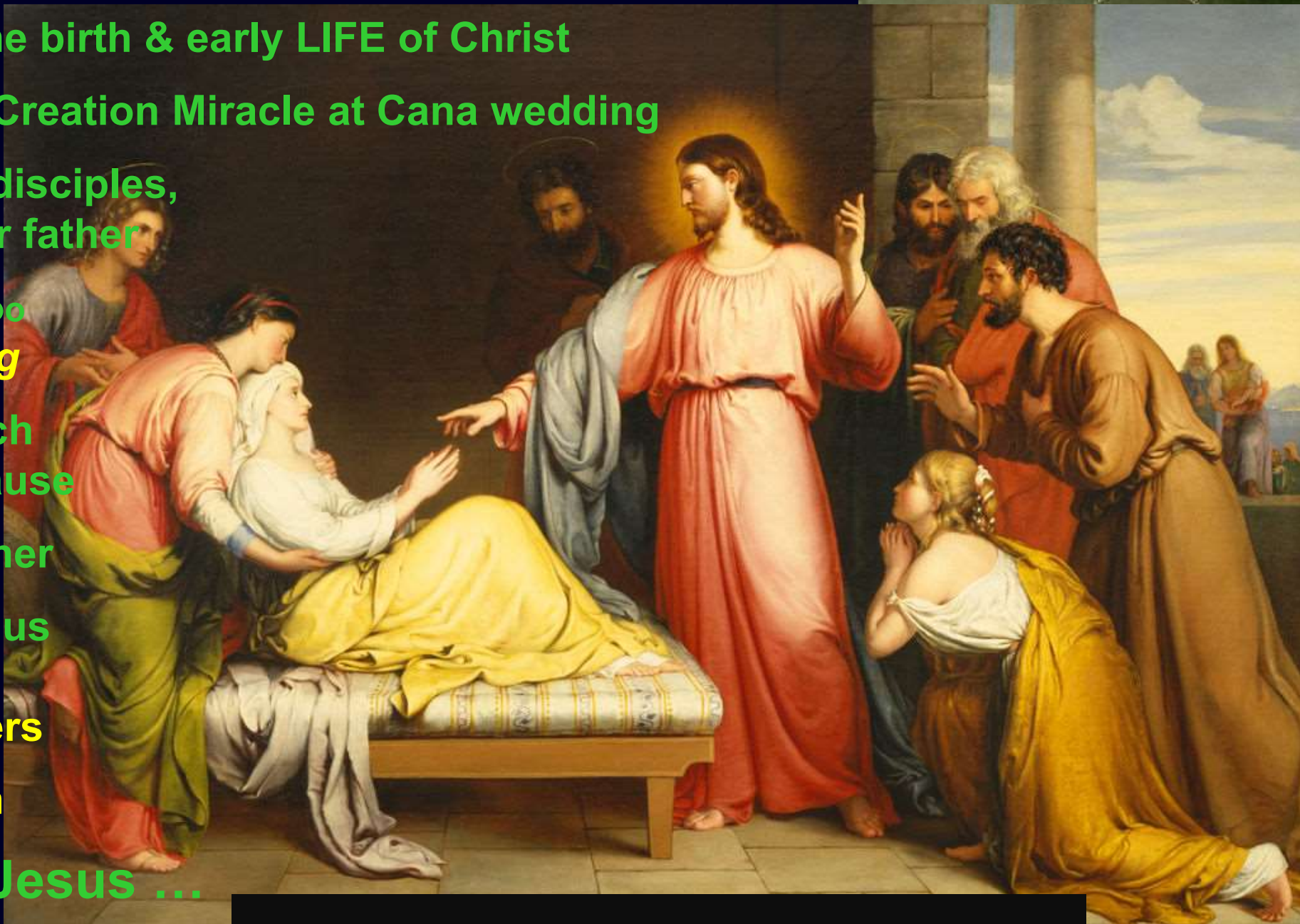
We **know** so much
missing because

2 Leave their father

This was NO Jesus
as a stranger
calling 2 Strangers

No sir, no ma'am

They **KNEW** Jesus ...



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32 At evening, when the sun did set, they brought unto him **ALL** that were diseased, & them that were **POSSESSED** with **DEVILS**.

33 **ALL** the city was gathered at the door.

34 Jesus healed **MANY** that were sick of divers diseases, & cast out many **DEVILS**; and suffered **NOT** the **DEVILS** to speak, because they knew him.

Jesus heals **MANY** & casts out **MANY** & **DEVILS**

HERE—Jesus PREVENTS Devils from SPEAKING



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35 In the morning, rising up a great while before day,
Jesus went out, & departed into a solitary place,
and there **PRAYED**.

36 Simon & they ... followed after Jesus.

37 When they had found him, they said, **ALL MEN SEEK** for thee.

38 And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns,
that I may preach there also:

for therefore came I forth.

Mark records the **ACTIONS** ... **NOT** many of the **MESSAGES**



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Stupid Question: Did Jesus CAST OUT more DEVILS or HEAL MORE?

Who Cares? ... what is certain >>> SOOOOOO much is missing

What is of UTMOST Importance: a Critical Cosmological Reality

A 2015 paper argued Julius Caesar suffered mini-strokes, not epilepsy

Lot of illnesses in N.T. world SEEN as ILLNESSES

Whatever we see here—we READ—these Devils were HEARD

Here & rest of N.T. testify to Devils & Spiritual Forces in DARK Places

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Jeremiah showed the END of Jerusalem for Idolatry & Evil

Last Week 80,000 were stuck in the mud at the

35th Burning Man Festival

Black Rock, Nevada ... kind of like a Woodstock for

ARTS & Expression ... of EVERY Kind

80,000 came this year ... at one, Tower of
No, not saying this is Satanic inspired
But you can bet Satan was there ..



Since the beginning of movies ... there is no end



'Häxan' (1922)

1973

WILLIAM PETER BLATTY'S
THE EXORCIST
Directed by WILLIAM FRIEDKIN




Google "**Satan**" = 226,000,000 HITS ... 0.76 seconds
Googel "**Devil**" = 352,000,000 HITS ... 0.59 seconds



Tom Cruise fights the
Lord of Darkness

Ambitious
from Satan



Silent take on classic where
Faust barter his soul

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I've not seen those movies though one day the silent ones

Saw a few HORROR movies before I came to Christ

There are places a Christian should NOT GO

But, on this earth, THIS side of Heaven, there is no place ... the

DEVIL cannot visit or Harass ... even the Church—yet NOT POSSESS

Cannot KNOW the ALL ... yet know **GOD IN CHRIST IS GREATER**



**Momma TOLD
me NOT to Come**



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40 There came a leper to Jesus, beseeching him,
kneeling down to him, saying,
If thou wilt, thou **CAN** make me clean.

41 Jesus, moved with compassion,
put forth *his* hand, touched him, and said

“I WILL. Be thou CLEAN!”

42 And as soon as Jesus spoke,
immediately the leprosy departed ...
he was cleansed.



Christ Healing a Leper
by Jean-Marie Melchior Doze, 1864

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40-42 ... leper to Jesus ... cleansed.

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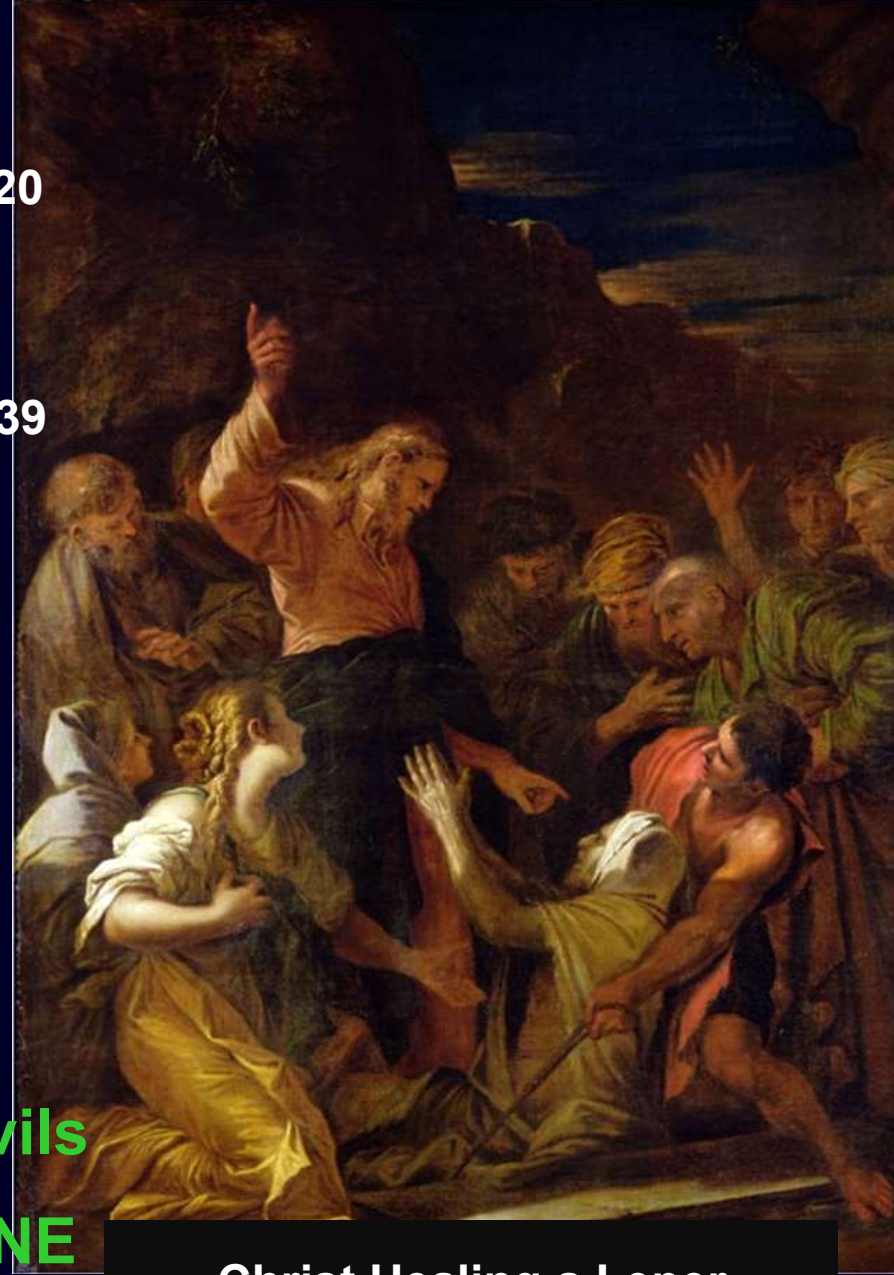
After so many **DEVILS'** mouths SHUT ...

We see a common **LEPER** healed ...

We see the **LEPER** reading the *Jerusalem Post*

Hearing of the Healing ~ **Hearing** Dashing of Devils

Hitherto Hopeless Man ... comes to the **ONLY ONE**



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43-44 Jesus straitly charged him, and **forthwith/immediately** sent him away, saying “Say *nothing* to any man: but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing [according to] Moses....”

45 But he went out ... published *it* much, to **BLAZE** abroad the matter, insomuch that Jesus could **NO MORE** openly enter into the city, but was without in **DESERT PLACES:**
and they came to him from every quarter.



Mark 1:45 “Came to Jesus from Every Quarter”

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Where's Your **DEVIL**?

Be careful ... the rest of the New Testament is CLEAR

The only offensive weapon is **God's Word**

Our BEST Defense from the Wiles of ALL DEVILS ... is



Drawing Near to God thru Christ

TWO strategies the Devil works today: **Everywhere** or **Nowhere**

N.T. – we're NOT to figure out **any** Devil ... we just need to

Come to Jesus from Every Quarter