



The

EMPOWERING PRESENCE

Deliverance from the Evil One

Mark 1:21-28

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There is no uncontested space.

Genesis 3:1

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”

The ultimate origin of evil is not explained in the Bible.

Revelation 12:7

Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray.

Genesis 1:27-28

So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them and said to them,

“Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it...”

2 reasons the Bible doesn't explain the origins of evil:

1. Because evil makes no sense.
2. God doesn't waste time explaining evil, he is preoccupied with overcoming it.

1 John 3:8

The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the work of the devil.

“Polls conducted in recent decades by Gallup and the data firm, YouGov, suggest that roughly half of Americans believe demonic possession is real. The percentage who believe in the devil is even higher, and in fact has been growing: Gallup polls show that the number rose from 55 percent in 1990 to 70 percent in 2007.”

-American Exorcism, *The Atlantic*

“The inescapable question is: Why? Or rather: Why now? Why, in our modern age, are so many people turning to the Church for help in banishing [demons] from their body? And what does this resurgent interest tell us about the figurative demons tormenting contemporary society?”

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Luke 4:18

The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

Exodus 15

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:

“I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted.
Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and my defense;
he has become my salvation.”

Mark 1:21-27

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

“Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!”

The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.”

“Jesus was manifested to destroy the works of the devil, not to submit to them. This whole ministry is portrayed in the Gospels as a mighty onslaught on the works of the devil—whether these took the form of sickness and demon possession among the people, or of hypocrisy, cruelty and

hard-heartedness among the rulers. And His whole ministry is interpreted as the breaking in of the reign of God into the life of the world, to release those whom Satan has bound.”

-Lesslie Newbigin, *Signs Amid the Rubble*

John 8:31-44

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Mark 6:6, 12-13

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits...They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

Repentance & Faith

Forgiveness

Renunciation

Command

Blessing