

Behold the Man

“The Power & Authority of Christ”

Text: Matthew 28:18
Dan. 7:13-14

Dominion Over Creation:

Nothing in this world can match the authority of Jesus Christ (Col. 1:15-18).

Jesus exercised authority over a windstorm (Mark 4:35-41).

- The Sea of Galilee is 8 miles wide and 700 feet below sea level, surrounded on three sides by mountains rising 3,000 to 4,000 feet. Warm surface air interacts with cooler mountain air, often triggering violent storms.
- Jesus commanding the storm to cease demonstrated His divine nature and authority over creation (Mark 4:39).

Jesus' question to His disciples regarding their fear reveals their lack of trust in His word (Mark 4:40).

- When facing life's storms, hold onto God's promises, knowing He can still the storm. (Examples: mental, emotional, physical, marriage, family, and finances.)
- He also gives us the ability to weather the storms and emerge victorious on the other side.

Dominion Over Demons:

Jesus encountered a man possessed by an unclean spirit in the country of the Gerasenes (Mark 5:1-20).

- Jesus took authority over the demons and set the man free (Mark 5:8).
- The Greek tense in “He said” shows Jesus repeatedly ordered the unclean spirit to leave. *Demons resist being cast out and often fight to stay.*

What does it mean to be possessed by a demon?

- Demon possession refers to *being demonized*, which is distinct from simply experiencing “demon influence.”

- Demon possession refers to complete control over an aspect of a person's being through the actual indwelling of a demonic spirit.
- Demonic influence involves succumbing to evil forces that escalate worldly desires. It must be recognized and resisted to die to the flesh and live in the Spirit (Eph. 6:12).
- As believers, we have also been given authority over demons and demonic influence by Jesus (Mark 16:17-18; Luke 10:19).

Dominion Over Sickness:

During His ministry, Jesus frequently provided physical healing to those who were ill (Matt. 8:16-17; Acts 10:38).

- The woman with the issue of blood had a severe medical condition that affected her quality of life and financial status (Mark 5:25-34).
- Her hope was rekindled when she heard about Jesus (Mark 5:27-28), leading Jesus to transform her despairing medical condition (Mark 5:34).

Here are three things you can do if you need healing for your body. (Share personal examples)

1. Pursue Jesus.
2. Be persistent in your faith.
3. Trust Jesus to resolve your dilemma.

Dominion Over Death:

There were a few instances in Jesus' ministry when He raised the dead (Mark 5:35-43).

- Jesus spoke hope into a hopeless situation (**Mark 5:36-39**).
- Jesus exercised authority over death and commanded the little girl to arise (**Mark 5:41**).
- Jesus is the master at bringing hope into hopeless situations.
- Even today, Jesus still raises people from the dead and revives dead dreams, hope, vision, relationships, etc.

Call to Action:

1. Know that nothing matches Jesus Christ's authority.
2. Be persistent in your faith, believing Jesus can deliver, heal, and restore every part of your life.
3. Stand against darkness by walking in your God-given authority.