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Prayer: Lord God, You know that I am surrounded by many dangers and that I often stumble and fall. Protect me from Satan and his evil angels. Strengthen me in body, mind and spirit, and bring me safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ Your Son my Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. AMEN



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PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 1 (C.W. pg. 64 – Sung by Congregation)

Second Lesson – I Corinthians 8:1-13 – Be Considerate

Gospel Lesson – Mark 1:21-28 – The Holy One of God.

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Sermon Hymn: **C.W. 348** sung by the Congregation

Sermon Text: Mark 1:23-26

Sermon Theme: Even the demons know that Jesus is: The Holy One of God

"Create in Me" – (pg. 20)

Offering (The plates will not be passed but are at the entrance doors)

Offering Prayer

Prayer of The Church

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Communion Liturgy (Liturgy - pg. 21)

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Agnus Dei (O Christ Lamb of God – Lit. pg. 23)

RECEPTION of Christ’s Body & Blood which are Really Present, In / With and Under the Bread and the Wine for the forgiveness of sins.

Communion Hymn **C.W. 343 all 4 verses** sung by the Congregation after everyone has communed including the Pastor

Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon - Liturgy pg. 24)

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Benediction

Closing Hymn **C.W. 333** sung by the Congregation.

SERMON TEXT: Mark 1:23-26

Vs. 23 - Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out,

Vs. 24 - “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!”

Vs. 25 - “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!”

Vs. 26 - The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

GREETING: Jesus says: heaven & Earth will pass away, but My Words will never pass away. (Matt. 24:35)

What is the most frightening thing that you have ever experienced in your life?

Think of an event that frightened you so bad that you shook with fear, that you could not breathe that you may have threw up from a sick stomach. (Take a few moments to think on this.)

The most frightening thing that I can think of is crossing the Luangwa River in a dugout canoe surrounded by crocodiles. We wanted to get to the other side, I, the guide, the kingdom worker, and another Missionary. (After the other Missionary watched as I crossed, he decided to find another way.)

Imagine this man who is posses by an evil spirit. How fearful it must have been. May God protect us all from such a terrifying occurrence.

As terrifying has it may seem to be possessed by an evil spirit, take note of the fear expressed by the evil spirit:

“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!”

The evil spirit knew Who was Lord - and Master - and God, it was Jesus.

The evil spirit knew that he was already judged as we learn from **Matthew 25:41** – that hell is prepared for the devil and his angels.

These evil spirits also knew that they did not keep their positions of authority, but abandoned their own home, (which used to be heaven) and are kept by the Lord in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the Last Day. (Jude 1:6)

In our text for today, the fact is reaffirmed where it is written in **James 2:19** – “**You believe that there is One God. Good! Even the demons believe that – and shudder.**”

Satan and the evil angels were once good angels. When God created all things in 6-24 hour days and rested on the seventh day, (Gen. 1:1-Gen. 2:3) everything was perfect.

There was no such thing as death or sin in the entire universe.

Scripture does not tell us which day of creation that the Lord created the angels, we simply know that the angels were created from: **Col 1:16** “**For by him were all things created that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him**”

Since angels are spirits (Hebrews 1:14 – Ministering spirits), they are included under things that are invisible.

Satan and his evil horde of fellow angels rebelled against God, and they were thrust out of heaven. (Revelation 12:7-12)

Satan's rebellion obviously occurred very shortly after all things were created, and it did not take long for Satan to tempt Adam and Eve and lead them into sin. (Genesis 3:1-19)

Unfortunately, because of sin, that is transgression against the Word of the Lord, there is now trouble and pain, and sorrow and illness, and death and hostility in this world.

As we see the grief, trials, and tribulations in the world, it is then all the more important to take the time to look to the power of our Lord Jesus. We see Christ's power over Satan and his evil horde as Jesus said to the evil spirit in this man at the synagogue. "**Be Quiet**" and then, "**Come out of him.**"

This evil spirit had no choice but to obey the Word of our Lord Jesus as Jesus said: "**Be Quiet**" and then, "**Come out of him.**"

As believers in Christ, we know and believe that Jesus has full power over Satan, but as we see the hardships in our life and in our world, we can think or sometimes speak out loud, "*O Lord, it is so hard.*"

When we feel overwhelmed it re-emphasizes the importance of regular Bible study, taking everything to the Lord in prayer and when possible in these times of COVID-19, to encourage one another in any way possible whether by attending worship service (with precautions) calling one another on the phone, sending letters and emails and face time etc. and reminding one another of Christ's victory over Satan and death and sin.

Encourage one another in the fact that Jesus is in control, even when things seem out of control.

Just as Jesus demonstrated His power over this evil spirit in this text, even so has Jesus defeated death and all of Satan's power.

We know that Jesus is victorious because on Easter Sunday, He rose from the dead.

Jesus made full payment for the sin of the world, not with gold or silver, but with His Holy Precious Blood as He is The Holy One of God. (I Peter 1:18)

Back when I was studying for the ministry, one of my professors said concerning Satan and his evil angels. "*If you call on Satan, he will come.*" Stay away from D & D, Ouija board, Tarot, Palmistry, witchcraft.

My friends in Christ, do not call on Satan, rather run away!

"Be self controlled, and alert, Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers (fellow believers) throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings." (I Peter 5:8-9)

Instead call upon the Lord Jesus in the day of trouble, pray, praise and give thanks.

Ps 18:3 - I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised so shall I be saved from mine enemies

Ps 50:15 - And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

Ps 55:16 - As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me.

Ro 10:13 - For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved

Jesus has power over evil spirits (fallen angels).

Jesus has power over death and has made full payment for the sin of the world on the cross of Calvary.

Jesus will come again and take us and all believers out of this vale of tears to our heavenly home. AMEN

THEME: Even The Demons Know that Jesus of Nazareth is The Holy One of God.

21 They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. 22 The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. 23 Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, 24 “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!”

25 “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” 26 The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

27 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 evil spirits and they obey him.” 28 News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

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