

JESUS AND HIS MINISTRY OF EXORCISM

I. What is an Exorcism?

II. Our Passages:

Luke 4:31-37

Mark 5:1-20

III. Exorcisms: HOW Did Jesus perform them?

The POWER of Jesus over evil spirits

With His *Presence*

With His *Words*

IV. What Else Our Passages Reveal:

- Jesus's power over EXTREME cases of demon possession
- The demonic powers recognize the identity of Jesus of Nazareth
- The exorcism of the demon had impact on:
 - The man possessed
 - The community around him
- The ministry of Jesus was known widely for its expulsion of demons
- Anything else?

V. Exorcisms: Why were they a part of the ministry of Jesus?

a. The Power of the Devil as incompatible with His proclamation of the Kingdom of God

See Mark 1:14-15

b. Exorcisms within the context of the ENTIRE Ministry of Jesus Christ

See Luke 4:18-19

See Matthew 4:23-25

VI. Concluding Remarks: the eyes of Satan