### Above All Earthly Powers

{Mark 1:21-28}

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Jesus’s first miracle in Mark is a head-to-head encounter with powers of evil

[I] Reflections on the supernatural

[A] Satan is marginalized in our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ culture

Disbelief, dismissal, and caricature are the most common responses

[B] Satan is often marginalized in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ culture

Discipleship is an ongoing wake-up call—a movement into deeper \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

[C] Mark assumes the formidable, existential reality of evil

[1] We are not giving a specific \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

[2] Mark knows the difference between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and possession

[3] We are always in danger of reductionism

[4] True healing—true health--is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

[5] There is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in God’s mercy

[II] The setting or the miracle

[A] Capernaum--Jesus’ home after leaving Nazareth--His first \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from there

[B] Synagogue--the place where the Torah was read and taught

[C] The scribes: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the Torah, teachers

[III] Jesus teaching

Mark focuses on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ more than the content of Jesus teaching

[A] Jesus’ teaching has authority--the word typically refers to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ authority

[B] Jesus teaching provokes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mark frequently employs language of amazement, wonder, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

[IV] Jesus’ triumph over the powers of evil

“Unclean spirit”--synonymous with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

“Be silent and come out of him!” [25] Jesus commands the demon to be “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

[A] Jesus has absolute authority over the powers of evil

[1] The spirits know of Jesus’ authority

[2] The Holy Spirit is upon Jesus

[B] Jesus’ exorcism provokes amazement

[V] We all need divine \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

[A] In Jesus, God has intervened directly in our world

“The reason the Son of God appeared was to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the works of the devil”

[B] Jesus achieved the decisive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the cross

“[God] \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame,

by triumphing over them in [Christ].” [Colossians 2:15]

[VI] We are in the in-between time

 [A] We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the victory that has been won

 [B] We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the full armor of God

 Be aware of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sins

 [C] We pray--prayer brings us and our loved ones into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus