

CTS Sunday School- 2020-2021

Sunday, January 31, 1021

Bible Story: Jesus casts out an unclean spirit

Bible Verse: Mark 1:21-28

Lesson:

In today's Bible verses Jesus and his newly formed disciples traveled to Capernaum. On the Sabbath Jesus and the disciples entered the temple and Jesus began teaching. What he was telling the people was different than the traditional teaching that the priests and scribes had been saying for years. People were confused because Jesus spoke with authority and a freedom that others, including the priests and scribes, did not have.

A man who was possessed with an unclean spirit asked what Jesus had to do with them. The man wanted to know if Jesus was there to destroy them. He went on to identify Jesus as being the Holy One of God. Jesus told the man to be silent and for the unclean spirit to come out of him. The unclean spirit left the man. Those who saw this started wondering how Jesus was able to do this; who gave him the authority to do it?

The story of Jesus' healing and casting out the unclean spirit spread throughout the region. Some people were drawn to Jesus, but others were confused by his extraordinary powers.

This story introduces Jesus' divine authority to do extraordinary things (such as cast out demons, heal the sick, calm storms) and for teaching the Scriptures in a different way. It also begins the conflict between Jesus and Jewish leaders that leads up to Jesus' death on Good Friday. Jesus did not use his authority to get rich himself or for military power. He worked to help people and to give them a better understanding of God. He showed them that he was a different type of Messiah than they expected.

Activity

Illustrate the Bible story

Draw your own picture to represent the Bible story or color the illustration below.

