

Jesus Heals the Troubled Man Mark 1:21-28

One Sabbath in Capernaum, the people scurried to get ready for synagogue. “I hear Jesus will be there!” they whispered to each other. The people walked, hurried, even ran to the synagogue—and there he was.

Jesus sat up front. He looked at the people and said, “Now is the time. Turn from sin back to God. The Kingdom of God is right here, right now.”

The people whispered, “Listen to Jesus! He teaches with authority—God’s power is in him.”

But one man didn’t whisper. He was troubled. Something had been wrong for a long, long time. No one knew how to help this troubled man.

“What do you want here, Jesus of Nazareth?” the man screamed. “You want to destroy us! Just because you’re God’s Holy One!”

The people were frightened. “What’s he doing here?” some whispered. “We don’t know what to do with him!” said others.

But Jesus knew. “Be quiet!” he commanded. He wasn’t talking to the man, but to whatever was troubling him. “Come out! Leave him alone!”

The man shook all over, gave one more scream and then...the trouble left him. It was gone, forever. The people, amazed, stared at him. “Who is this Jesus?” they wondered. “He’s filled with God’s power!”

And what they whispered in the synagogue, they said aloud in the streets, until everyone in Galilee knew about God’s power, shown in Jesus.