

# Acts 19:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

## Analysis

'Certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.' These Jewish exorcists treated Jesus' name as a magical formula, not submitting to Him as Lord. Their attempt shows religion without relationship, invoking Christ's name without knowing Christ personally.

## Historical Context

Jewish exorcists were common in the ancient world (cf. Matthew 12:27). They used elaborate incantations and divine names to expel demons. These practitioners tried to add Jesus' name to their arsenal without genuine faith.

## Related Passages

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

1. What's the difference between invoking Jesus' name and knowing Jesus personally?

2. How do people today use Christianity as a technique rather than a relationship?
3. Why doesn't magical use of Jesus' name carry spiritual authority?

## Interlinear Text

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Ἐπεχείρησαν	δέ	τινες	ἀπὸ	τῶν	περιερχομένων	Ἰουδαίων	
took upon them	Then	certain	of	G3588	the vagabond	Jews	
G2021	G1161	G5100	G575		G4022	G2453	
ἐξορκιστῶν		όνομάζειν	ἐπὶ	τοὺς	ἔχοντας	τὰ	πνεύματα
exorcists	to call	over	G3588	them which had	G3588	spirits	
G1845	G3687	G1909		G2192		G4151	
τὰ	πονηρὰ	τὸ	ὄνομα	τοῦ	κυρίου	Ἰησοῦν	λέγοντες
G3588	evil	G3588	the name	G3588	of the Lord	Jesus	saying
	G4190		G3686		G2962	G2424	G3004
Ὀρκίζομεν	ὑμᾶς	τὸν	Ἰησοῦν	δν	ό	Παῦλος	κηρύσσει
We adjure	you	G3588	Jesus	G3588		Paul	preacheth
G3726	G5209		G2424			G3972	G2784

## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 12:27** (Evil): And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges.

**Mark 9:38** (Evil): And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbad him, because he followeth not us.

**Luke 11:19** (Evil): And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges.

**Mark 5:7** (References Jesus): And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.

**Luke 9:49** (Evil): And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbad him, because he followeth not with us.

**Matthew 26:63** (References Jesus): But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.

**1 Kings 22:16** (References Lord): And the king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but that which is true in the name of the LORD?

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