

Mark 1:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.

Analysis

Jesus rebuked him saying Hold thy peace and come out of him. Jesus rebuked epitimaō strong command showing authority. Hold thy peace literally be muzzled silenced. Jesus refuses demon testimony despite its accuracy. He does not want or need demonic witness to His identity. Come out of him authoritative expulsion command. Jesus word alone sufficient no rituals formulas needed. This demonstrates His divine authority over spiritual realm. Reformed theology emphasizes Christ absolute sovereignty including over demonic forces. Believers exercise derivative authority in Christ name. The rebuke shows Jesus controls conversation narrative demons cannot hijack His mission with premature revelation.

Historical Context

Ancient exorcists used elaborate rituals incantations magical formulas lengthy processes. Jesus simple command contrasts sharply demonstrating unique authority. Silencing demon prevented premature revelation of Messianic identity. Jesus carefully controlled disclosure of His identity the Messianic secret pattern in Mark. Full revelation would come through cross and resurrection not demonic pronouncement. Demons obey Jesus immediately no resistance. Early church practiced exorcism in Jesus name continuing His ministry. Church history shows periods emphasizing or neglecting spiritual warfare dimension of ministry.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. Why did Jesus silence demons even when they spoke truth about His identity?
2. What does Jesus simple authoritative command teach about spiritual warfare methods?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	ἐπετίμησεν	αὐτοῦ	ὁ	Ἰησοῦς	λέγων,	Φιμώθητι	καὶ
And	rebuked	him	G3588	Jesus	saying	Hold thy peace	And
G2532	G2008	G846		G2424	G3004	G5392	G2532
ἔξελθε	ἐξ	αὐτοῦ					
come	out of	him					
G1831	G1537	G846					

Additional Cross-References

Mark 1:34 (Parallel theme): And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.

Acts 16:17 (Parallel theme): The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

Mark 9:25 (References Jesus): When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

Luke 4:41 (Parallel theme): And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.

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