

Mark 5:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

The demon speaks through the man: '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.' The phrase 'What have I to do with thee?' (Τί ἐμοὶ καὶ σοί) expresses hostile separation—'What connection between us?' The title 'Son of the most high God' is theologically accurate, identifying Jesus' deity. 'I adjure thee by God' shows desperation—appealing to God against God's Son! The request 'torment me not' (μὴ με βασανίσῃς) reveals demons know their destiny is torment. They recognize Jesus as judge who will execute final judgment.

Historical Context

The title 'Most High God' (θεοῦ τοῦ ὑψίστου) was common in Gentile regions for Israel's God, familiar even to pagans (Genesis 14:18-20; Numbers 24:16; Daniel 4:2). The demon's appeal demonstrates knowledge of divine authority. Jewish apocalyptic literature described demons' ultimate doom (1 Enoch). The request not to torment 'before the time' (Matthew 8:29) shows awareness of appointed judgment day. Demons understand eschatology better than many humans—they know Christ returns to judge and consign them to eternal punishment. Early church taught this; church history affirms it.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does the demon's accurate theology without faith warn against mere intellectual knowledge?
2. What does demonic fear of future torment teach about certain judgment for all who reject Christ?
3. How should knowing demons fear Jesus affect your confidence in His lordship and coming victory?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	κράζας	φωνῇ	μεγάλῃ	εἶπεν	Τί	ἐμοὶ	καὶ	σοί
And	cried	voice	with a loud	and said	What	have I	And	with thee
G2532	G2896	G5456	G3173	G2036	G5101	G1698	G2532	G4671
Ἰησοῦ	υἱὲ	τοῦ	θεόν	τοῦ	ὑψίστου	ὀρκίζω	σε	τὸν
Jesus	thou Son	G3588	God	G3588	of the most high	I adjure	thee	G3588
G2424	G5207		G2316		G5310	G3726	G4571	
θεόν	μή	με	βασανίσης					
God	not	me	that thou torment					
G2316	G3361	G3165	G928					

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 8:29 (References Jesus): And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?

Acts 16:17 (References God): 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.

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.

Jude 1:6 (Parallel theme): And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Revelation 12:12 (Parallel theme): Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

Acts 19:13 (References Jesus): 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.

Mark 3:11 (References God): And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God.

Matthew 4:3 (References God): And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

Luke 8:28 (References Jesus): When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not.

2 Peter 2:4 (References God): For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;