



Daily Reflections

September 4, 2018

Scripture

Luke 4: 31-37

Jesus went down to Capernaum, a town of Galilee.

He taught them on the sabbath,
and they were astonished at his teaching
because he spoke with authority.

In the synagogue there was a man with the spirit of an unclean demon,
and he cried out in a loud voice,

"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?

Have you come to destroy us?

I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

Jesus rebuked him and said, "Be quiet! Come out of him!"

Then the demon threw the man down in front of them
and came out of him without doing him any harm.

They were all amazed and said to one another,

"What is there about his word?

For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits,
and they come out."

And news of him spread everywhere in the surrounding region.

Our Scripture Reflection

There is an irony that exists in all of the Gospels: The demons are so quick to recognize Jesus as the Lord and Savior but the "normal" people who are

with Him are so slow to do so. In today's Scripture Jesus enters the synagogue and immediately the demon calls out His name. Jesus exorcises it from the possessed man leaving the observers wondering Who Jesus is and What power it is that He possesses. They are clueless.

Food for your Journey

There is a story told of a shipwreck off the New England coast many years ago. A young member of the Coast Guard rescue crew said, "We can't go out — we'll never get back!"

The old captain replied, "We have to go out! We don't have to come back!"

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, You are my Lord and my God. Fill me up with Your Grace this day so that through my words and actions others may come to know You as their Lord. Amen