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Topic: **Life of Christ: The Devil's View of Christ's Coming**

Scripture Text: Mark 1: 23-34

1. It is noted in the Bible text that the demons actually recognised the deity of Jesus Christ as the Son of God even before Jesus performed the miracle to cast the demons who possessed the man. For the disciples, they have to see the miracles of Jesus Christ to know that He is God.
2. Demons are fallen angels and they are spiritual beings who have the cognitive knowledge of Jesus Christ, but not the experiential knowledge of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. They were angels before in Heaven and hence they would have known that Jesus Christ is God Himself who is the 2nd Person of the Holy Trinity. The work of the demons is to hinder Jesus Christ and prevent people from believing in Him. There is no salvation for demons and their final end is condemnation in the Lake of Fire.
3. For man in their sinful nature and not saved yet, they cannot know and see spiritual things. They only see physical things and hence they would reject Jesus as God. Spiritual sight is given to those who are born again and they can know and see spiritual things. Hence, a believer will know and have this experiential knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Saviour. A true believer will never attack God's Word, God's work and God's children.
4. The response of Jesus Christ to the demons was stunning as He commanded them to come out of the man whom they possessed. Even though the demons confessed the truth of Jesus Christ as the Holy One of God, yet Jesus would show us that we should not associate ourselves with anyone who are against Him.
5. The Lord Jesus' example in using the Word of God to rebuke the demons is to teach us that the Word of God is our authority in overcoming the evil one.