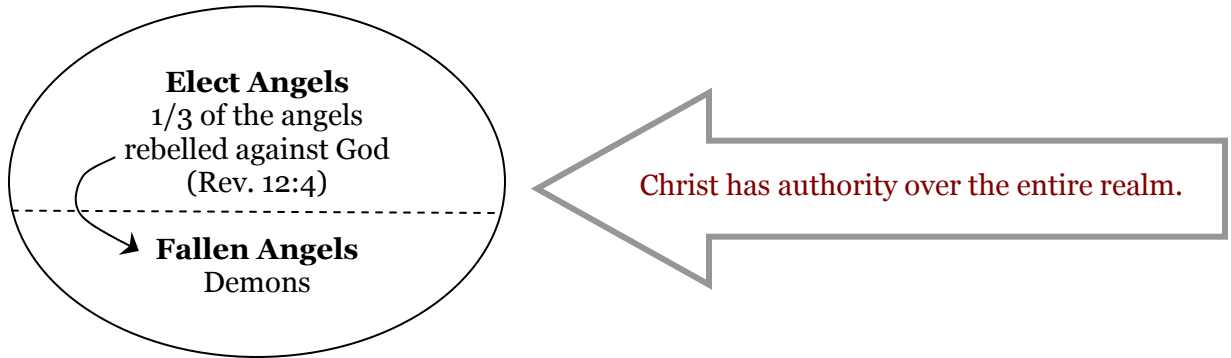


It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.
 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness **(1 John 1:9).**

The Lord demonstrates His authority over the angelic realm by ordering a demon to come out of a man in the synagogue (Luke 4:33-35).

Angelic Realm



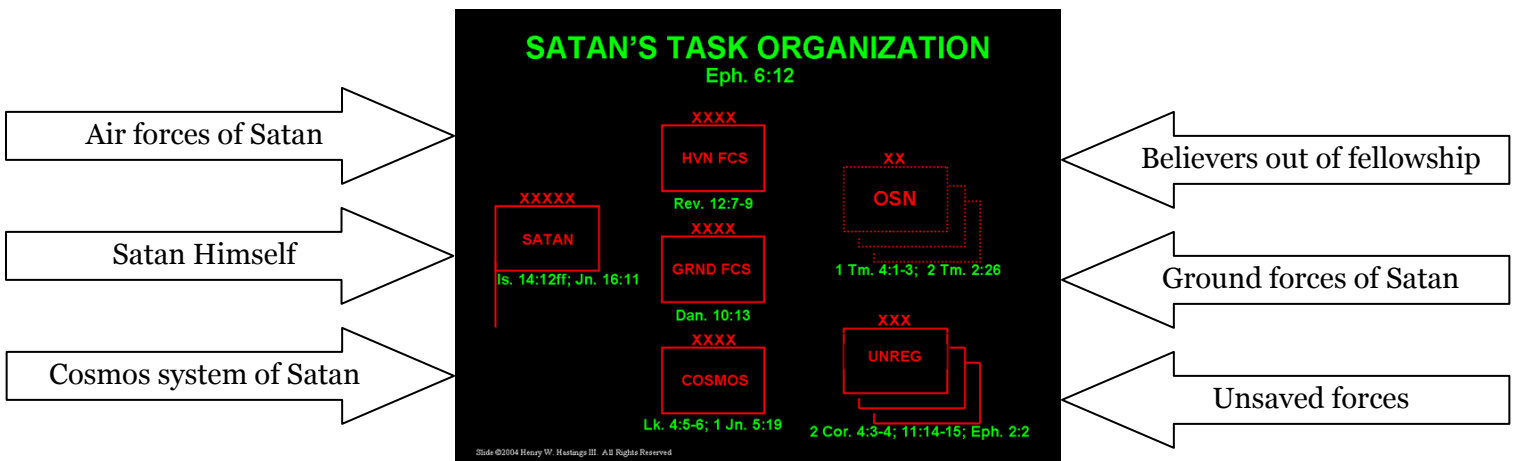
Luke 4:36

³⁶ And amazement came upon them all, and they *began* talking with one another saying, “What is this message? For with authority and power He **commands** the unclean spirits and they come out.”

“**Commands**” - **πράσσω** - “to order”

The unclean spirits or demons have to obey the orders of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The demonic activity in the synagogue is an attempt by Satan’s Task Organization to derail the developing momentum in the Galilean ministry (v. 34).



- In the middle of teaching, a demon interrupts Jesus with a loud voice.
- The demon is attempting to **divide** those in the congregation from the Lord – the communicator.
 - The demon is attempting to **derail** the MOMENTUM.

34 “Let us alone!

What business do we have with each other, Jesus *the Nazarene*?
Have You come to destroy us?
I know who You are—the Holy One of God!”

The Lord had just been rejected in His hometown of Nazareth and the demon brings that up as a sneering remark.

The Lord demonstrates His authority over the angelic realm - -

35 But Jesus **rebuked him**, saying,

Here are the orders:

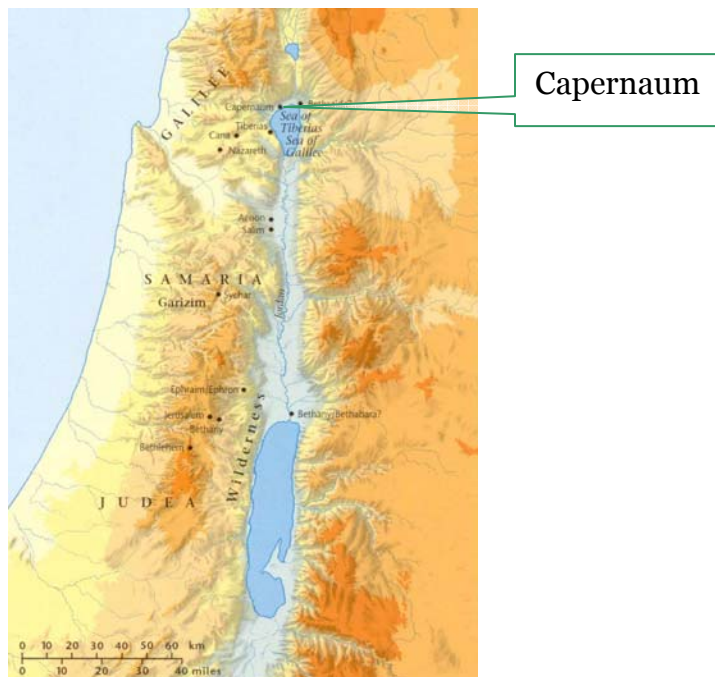
“Be quiet and come out of him!”

And when the demon had thrown him down in the midst of *the people*, he came out of him without doing him any harm.

37 And the report about Him was **spreading** . . .

“**Spreading**” - κτορεῦομαι – meaning “to march out”

. . . into every locality in the surrounding district.



Note how the Lord’s Galilean ministry picks up momentum.

People show up.
They hear His teaching.
They believe the message and tell others about it.

This is how God provides the hearers for any ministry.

Luke 4:38

³⁸Then He got up and *left* the synagogue, and entered Simon's home.

- Peter, Andrew, John, and James all lived in Capernaum.
 - Technically, they lived in a fisherman's wharf town called **Bethsaida**, a suburb of Capernaum.

Let's review the points of chronological history - -



Go RED SOX!

1. Jesus returns to the Jordan after the wilderness testing where John identifies Him as the promised Messiah (**John 1:29-36**).
2. He begins to call disciples while He travels to Galilee (**John 1:37-49**).
3. He arrives in His home town, Nazareth, attends the wedding in Cana, which the disciples crash, and performs His first miracle (**John 2:1-11**).
4. They travel to Capernaum. Mary and the Lord's half brothers accompany them (**John 2:12**). (They travel to Capernaum to link up with the annual caravan departing for Jerusalem to attend the Passover Feast.)
5. He then travels to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover and cleanses the temple (**John 2:13-21**).
6. During His week in Jerusalem, He meets Nicodemus and communicates that spiritual regeneration is *the* prerequisite for entering the Kingdom of God (**John 3:1-21** "**You must be born again. . .**").
7. The Lord returns to Galilee through Samaria (**4:1ff; Matt 4:12**).
8. He meets the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, the city is saved, and their positive volition pays off in two days of face to face Bible class (**John 4:5-45**).
9. John is arrested while the Lord is traveling through Samaria (**Matthew 4:12**).
10. The disciples return to their families and professions while Jesus settles His family in Capernaum (**Matthew 4:13**).
11. On His way to Nazareth, while in Cana, He heals the royal official's son in Capernaum (**John 4:46-54**).
12. He arrives in His hometown of Nazareth, declares His Messiahship as He teaches in the synagogue, and He is rejected (**Luke 4:16-30**).

Nazareth was the negative volition crowd!

13. He returns to Capernaum, teaches in the synagogue, and is accepted (**Luke 4:31-37**).

POD - Those with positive volition will see the Lord's providential hand in their life.

These believers with positive volition allow that Word to do surgery within them.

Positive Volition is not just showing up to Bible class. The Christian must allow the Lord to perform surgery on him with the Word of God. This can be painful as surgeries most often can be. **Hebrews 4:12**
“The Word of God is . . . sharper than any two-edged sword . . .” It’s the Lord’s scalpel on the operating table.

Positive Volition is when the Word of God filets your soul and the Christian keeps returning to church for Bible class...all of us must allow the Lord to use His Word as a scalpel to turn us into the mature believers He wants us to be.

***How might this apply to you?
Why are you attending church where you do?
Is surgery being performed or is it a panacea?***

In Luke 4:38, He visits Peter in Bethsaida . . .

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