

Counting the verses which involve EVIL SPIRITS

ch.	evil spirit verses	in Matthew
1	0 / 25 = 0%	genealogy #1, before Jesus' birth
2	0 / 23 = 0%	Jesus born and protected
3	0 / 17 = 0%	John's ministry, Jesus baptized
4	1 / 25 = 4%	the temptation, Jesus' work begins
5	0 / 48 = 0%	Sermon on the Mount
6	0 / 34 = 0%	Sermon on the Mount
7	1 / 29 = 3%	Sermon on the Mount
8	9 / 34 = 26%	leper, servant, mother-in-law healed, discipleship, a storm, demons & swine
9	3 / 38 = 8%	miracles, Matthew, on fasting, etc.
10	2 / 42 = 5%	the 12 instructed and sent out
11	1 / 30 = 3%	on rejection, invitation in 11:28-29
12	11 / 50 = 22%	Sabbath healing, unpardonable sin
13	0 / 58 = 0%	eight parables , rejection
14	0 / 36 = 0%	John killed, 5,000+ fed, walking on water, etc.
15	7 / 39 = 18%	traditions, Gentile helped , 4,000 fed
16	0 / 28 = 0%	sign requested, miracles recalled, confession & church, Peter rebuked
17	8 / 27 = 30%	transfiguration , miracle & faith, tem. tax
18	0 / 35 = 0%	on humility, forgiveness, etc.
19	0 / 30 = 0%	on divorce, etc., rich young ruler
20	0 / 34 = 0%	on service etc, Bartimaeus
21	0 / 46 = 0%	triumphal entry , temple cleansed, fig tree & faith, vineyard, authority, etc.
22	0 / 46 = 0%	feast parable, Jesus questioned
23	0 / 39 = 0%	on the Pharisees, "O Jerusalem"
24	0 / 51 = 0%	on the end times, parables
25	0 / 46 = 0%	on the end times, parables
26	0 / 75 = 0%	Mary anoints Jesus, Last Supper, arrest, trial, Peter's denials
27	0 / 66 = 0%	trial and the cross †
28	0 / 20 = 0%	after the resurrection, authority
total	43 of 1071	= 4%

These lists show where evil spirits (demons) are mentioned in the Gospels. In Mark there are five chapters in which they are involved in **15%** or more of all verses. (These are highlighted in dark blue.) In contrast, there are only four such chapters in Matthew and Luke and none in John.

ch.	evil spirit verses	in Mark
1	9 / 45 = 20%	introduction, baptism, disciples, miracles
2	0 / 28 = 0%	miracles, conflict, Matthew called
3	13 / 35 = 37%	conflict, 12 listed, unpardonable sin
4	0 / 41 = 0%	four parables , a storm calmed
5	20 / 43 = 47%	demons & swine , Jairus' daughter raised, a woman healed
6	3 / 56 = 10%	Nazareth, 12 sent, John killed, 5,000+ fed , walking on water, etc.
7	7 / 37 = 19%	traditions, Gentile helped , deaf man
8	0 / 38 = 0%	4,000 fed, sign requested, miracles recalled, blind man healed, confession
9	15 / 50 = 30%	transfiguration , miracle & faith, on hell
10	0 / 52 = 0%	on divorce, greatness, etc. rich young ruler , Bartimaeus
11	0 / 33 = 0%	triumphal entry , temple cleansed, fig tree & faith, Jesus' authority
12	0 / 44 = 0%	vineyard parable, Jesus questioned
13	0 / 37 = 0%	on the end times, fig tree parable
14	0 / 72 = 0%	Mary anoints Jesus, Last Supper, arrest, trial, Peter's denials
15	0 / 47 = 0%	trial and the cross †
16	2 / 20 = 10%	after the resurrection, the apostles
total	70 of 678	= 10%

Key Point #1:
Demon possession is seen far more in Mark than in Matthew, despite Matthew being much longer. Mark stressed Jesus' power over demons from start (1:27, 39) to finish (16:17).

ch.	evil spirit verses	in Luke
1	0 / 80 = 0%	introduction, in the temple, prayer, two angelic announcements, John's birth
2	0 / 52 = 0%	Jesus' birth (shepherds and angels), two temple scenes, Jesus at age 12
3	0 / 38 = 0%	John, Jesus' baptism, genealogy #2
4	8 / 43 = 19%	temptation, rejection at Nazareth, demons cast out, many healed
5	0 / 39 = 0%	great catch, miracles, Matthew, on sin, on fasting
6	3 / 49 = 6%	Sabbath work, Sermon on the Plain
7	4 / 50 = 8%	a servant healed, a son raised, on John, sin, and love (<i>two debtors</i>)
8	15 / 56 = 27%	women help, two parables , a storm calmed, demons & swine , Jairus, etc.
9	8 / 62 = 13%	12 sent, 5,000+ fed , faith confessed, transfiguration , a son, Samaria, etc.
10	4 / 42 = 10%	70 instructed, sent, return, lawyer's Q. the good Samaritan, Mary and Martha
11	13 / 54 = 24%	on prayer, Jesus' power over demons, parables, the Pharisees and lawyers
12	0 / 59 = 0%	against fear and worry, the rich fool, on being a good servant / disciple
13	9 / 35 = 26%	on sin, crippled woman, two parables , the narrow gate, "O Jerusalem"
14	0 / 35 = 0%	dropsy, parables, on being a disciple
15	0 / 32 = 0%	lost sheep, lost coin, lost son
16	0 / 31 = 0%	on riches, the rich man & Lazarus
17	0 / 37 = 0%	on offense, the 10 lepers, on his return
18	0 / 43 = 0%	on prayer, Pharisee & tax collector, the rich young ruler , Bartimaeus
19	0 / 48 = 0%	Zacchaeus, minas parable, triumphal entry , temple cleansed
20	0 / 47 = 0%	vineyard parable, Jesus questioned
21	0 / 38 = 0%	on the end times, fig tree parable
22	0 / 71 = 0%	the Last Supper, on greatness, arrest, Peter's denials, trials
23	0 / 56 = 0%	trial and the cross †
24	4 / 53 = 8%	after the resurrection, Bible explained
total	68 of 1151	= 6%

Key Point #2:

Jesus' opponents said that he was demon possessed and cast out demons as their ruler. This was illogical (Mk. 3:22-30). -- No specific exorcism case is even mentioned in John.

ch.	evil spirit verses	in John
1	0 / 51 = 0%	introduction Jesus is THE WORD .
2	0 / 25 = 0%	water into wine, temple cleansed
3	0 / 36 = 0%	Nicodemus, God's love, etc.
4	0 / 54 = 0%	ministry in Samaria, in Galilee, nobleman's son healed
5	0 / 47 = 0%	Sabbath miracle, equality with God
6	0 / 71 = 0%	5,000+ fed , walking on water, THE BREAD OF LIFE , rejected by many, Peter's confession of faith
7	2 / 53 = 4%	Jesus' brothers, on ch. five miracle, Jesus' Father, living water offered
8	5 / 59 = 8%	the adulterous woman, Jesus is THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD .
9	0 / 41 = 0%	healing the man born blind
10	3 / 42 = 7%	Jesus is THE GOOD SHEPHERD . One with the Father
11	0 / 57 = 0%	Lazarus raised, THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE .
12	0 / 50 = 0%	anointed by Mary, triumphal entry
13	0 / 38 = 0%	the upper room, foot washing, etc.
14	0 / 31 = 0%	THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE
15	0 / 27 = 0%	THE TRUE VINE , about the world, etc.
16	0 / 33 = 0%	on the Holy Spirit, prayer, etc.
17	0 / 26 = 0%	Jesus' great prayer
18	0 / 40 = 0%	arrest, trials, Peter's denials
19	0 / 42 = 0%	trial and the cross †
20	0 / 31 = 0%	after the resurrection, Thomas
21	0 / 25 = 0%	153 fish caught, Peter questioned
total	10 of 879	= 1%