



Mark 5:13

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the Gospels & Demons 7

John 8:49

Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon: but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me."

Mark the lines below as correct (C), incorrect (X), or partly correct (▲).

A	() The Gospels are much more about Jesus and evangelism than about evil spirits.
A-1	() Evil spirits are never mentioned in many Gospel chapters.
A-2	() The rich young ruler's problem was not demonic (Mk. 10:17-27).
A-3	() The temptation of Jesus did not involve any demons (Mat. 4:1-11).
A-4	() The Samaritan woman was not demon possessed (John 4:5-26, 8:48).
A-5	() Mark 9:14-29 is more about believing in Jesus than about demonic activity.
A-6	() Jesus said much, but evil spirits were never allowed to speak (Mk. 1:34, 5:1-20).
A-7	() Jesus' disciples did not believe in ghosts (Mat. 14:25-27, Lk. 24:36-43, Jn. 6:16-21).
A-8	() Jesus performed many kinds of miracles, not just exorcisms (Mat. 4:23-24, John 2:1-11).
A-9	() None of the people in the Bible from whom Jesus cast out demons are named (Lk. 8:2, 24:10).
A-10	() The feeding of the 5,000 was a bigger miracle than casting out Legion (Mk. 5:1-20, 6:32-44).
B	() Jesus' power over demons is emphasized more in Mark than in the other Gospels.
B-1	() There is not a single exorcism account in John's Gospel (John 8:48-49).
B-2	() Unlike in Matthew, the first miracle recorded in Mark (in 1:21-28) was an exorcism.
B-3	() The exorcism account in Mk. 5:1-20 is longer than those in Mat. 8:28-34 and Lk. 8:26-39.
B-4	() The exorcism account in Mk. 9:14-29 is longer than those in Mat. 17:14-21 and Lk. 9:37-42.
B-5	() The calming of the sea report is longest in Mark (Mat. 8:23-27, Mk. 4:35-41, Lk. 8:22-25).
B-6	() Jesus was not demon possessed (Mat. 12:24-32, Mk. 3:22-30, Lk. 11:17-23, John 8:48-49).
B-7	() Only Mark records Jesus' prediction of the disciples casting out demons (Mk. 16:17).
B-8	() Satan entering Judas is only mentioned in Mark (Mk. 14:20, John 13:2, 27).
B-9	() Mark 5:1-20 is as important and as evangelistic as John 3:1-20.
C	() It is somewhat difficult but still important to speak about evil spirits.
C-1	() Many wrongly believe that evil spirits are the spirits of dead people.
C-2	() There are physical and mental problems that look like demon possession.
C-3	() Many people in the modern world do not believe in the existence of demons.
C-4	() Mark's stress on Jesus' power is not as well appreciated today as in Roman times.
C-5	() Since John wrote little about demons, we do not need to say much about them.
C-6	() It can be harmful to say too much or too little about Satan and demons.

Answers: Nearly all lines are correct or partly correct. Only a few lines are clearly in error (A-7, A-9, and B-8). Several lines are somewhat "tricky" and debatable (A-3, A-5, A-6, A-10, B-9, C-4, and C-5). For these, various answers are possible.