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This evening, we examine a striking paradox found in Scripture. The very religious leaders, those entrusted with guiding God's people and who should have been the first to identify Jesus as the Messiah, failed to recognize Him. However, spiritual demons—beings of darkness—immediately discerned who He was and publicly proclaimed the truth of the gospel.

What, then, was Jesus' response to the truth proclaimed by these forces of darkness? As we study the passage, we will uncover essential principles that Jesus Himself teaches through His interaction with these spiritual realities. These truths challenge us to reflect on the nature of true faith, spiritual authority, and the power of Christ over all realms.

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The Text...

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31 Then He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbaths. **32** And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority. **33** Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud voice, **34** saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!" **35** But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him in their midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him. **36** Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, "What a word this is! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out." **37** And the report about Him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

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38 Now He arose from the synagogue and entered Simon's house. But Simon's wife's mother was sick with a high fever, and they made request of Him concerning her. **39** So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them. **40** When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them. **41** And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of God!" And He, rebuking them, did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ.

2. The Diagnosis- the Charge... A Fatal Flaw

Revelation 2

4. Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

- Doctrine becomes ... a weapon
 - Holiness becomes... self-righteousness
 - Service becomes... drudgery
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Challenge:

1. Correct theology is not enough to save You.
 2. Your Life must match your lips.
 3. We must guard against "Premature Glory.
 4. Service is the natural reflex of the healed
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When Love is Missing

The Danger of Loveless Christianity

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