

Demon Sermon

Re: Luke 4:31-44

I. Intro - C.S. Lewis' Preface to Screwtape Letters

Q. How do I keep them from coming into me?

II. Levels of Demonic Attack

A. Temptation

B. Persecution

C. Oppression

D. Possession

III. Signs of Possession

A. Cursing Christ's name

B. Foul language

C. Speaking in Tongues

D. Animal sounds

E. Superhuman strength

F. Violence against others

G. Suicide attempts

H. Seizures

I. Self-harm
(man of tombs)

J. Hearing Voices

careful: mental illness \neq
demon possession

(But there may still be a
a spiritual component)

Debate: Can a Xian become
possessed?



IV. How does one become possessed?

A. Occult

B. Intoxicating substances
 $\phi\alpha\rho\mu\alpha\kappa\iota\alpha$ = sorcery

C. Persistent impenitence

D. Failing to hear the Word of God

dull
con-
science

V. Good news: Jesus is stranger than Satan

A. He rebuked the demons

B. He cast out demons

C. He resisted every temptation of the devil.

D. He descended into hell & holds the keys of death & Hades.

E. He gives power to cast out demons to his Church

Baptism—"mini" exorcism

"Do not rejoice that the devils are subject to you in my name but that your names are written in heaven."