

#### 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY YEAR B 2021

##### TEACHING WITH AUTHORITY

Nature shows its real power through different manifestations like strong wind, tornados, earthquakes, fires, and several other things. Some powers too, happen to us which might be caused by human errors, interference with environment, or even scientific investigations which can go out of control. These make us realize how powerless we can be. The power of nature can easily **disable our technology; disrupt our schedules and systems** throwing everything into chaos. Since last year, we have been experiencing such a happening, the Corona virus pandemic. It has interfered with all systems; **social, spiritual, economical**, and more and has plunged the whole universe into **fear, panic, and anxiety**. This shows us how powerless we are as human beings and that we are not in full control of these happenings.

This brings us to think about this character at the synagogue. He was not in control of himself; he didn't have a command of his faculties they were in control of the Demon. It is the most painful thing when you are ruled by mysterious happenings and are not in control. It must have been very challenging for him, his family, and friends. Then he met the Person of Jesus, the man who taught with authority and power. This man did not need ***ideas, but the Grace and Power of God***. This would set him **free. Jesus gave him exactly what he needed at the time. "GET OUT OF HIM."**

We have forces and demons in our lives. We have forces of evil outside us and some even inside us over which we may ***not have control***. We might have the **technology, skills, knowledge, and ideas, BUT what we need** this time is not all that, we need the **POWER of Jesus Christ** saying those words, "GET OUT OF HIM."

There are demons in our lives like ***hate, prejudice, greed, gluttony, and lust. These can take control of us; deprive us of our freedom, dignity, and purpose in life***. These are like storms out of control within us and can take control and put us at their mercy. We definitely need the power of Jesus to kick them out of our system. The power and the authority of the Risen Lord with those powerful words will deliver us, "Get out of him." We must not turn to ***superstition, psychics, charms, or chain letters. We MUST turn to the Risen Lord, the Holy One of God***. He will destroy those chains in us and give us the freedom of the children of God. We need to be liberated like the man in the gospel. We must avoid anything which **diminishes, dilutes, divides, weakens, and fragments** the gift of our faith.

Our trust in Jesus Christ must be beyond any doubt and unquestionable at all times. He has the ***Power and Authority*** and He will always command the evil one, ***“GET OUT OF THEM”***