

Today's Message

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Message
The Parable of the Strong Man

Scripture
Matthew 12:29
Mark 3:22-30

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Demon and occult are real in our life.
They are not fun but dangerous and
scaring.



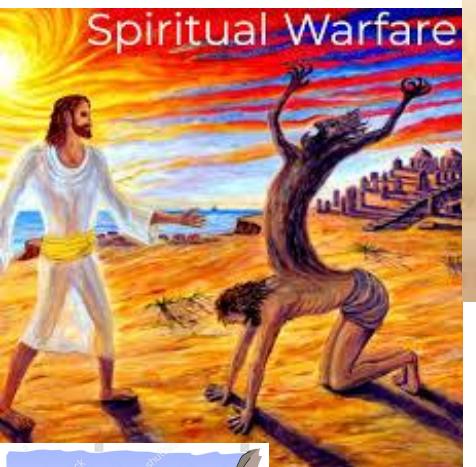
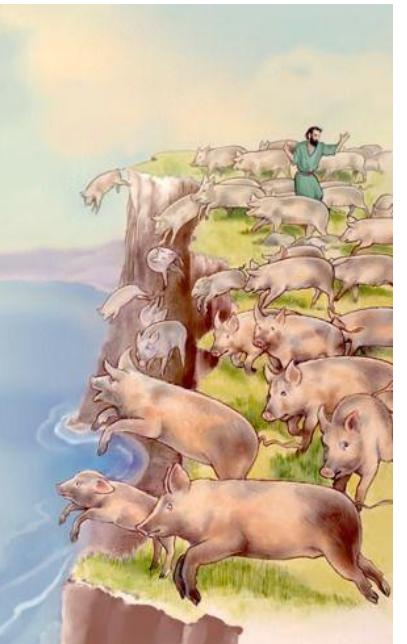
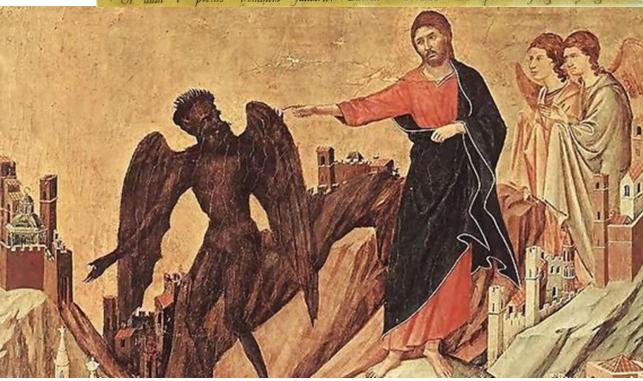
Tungus (Siberian) shaman, detail of an engraving from Witsen's *Noord en Oos*



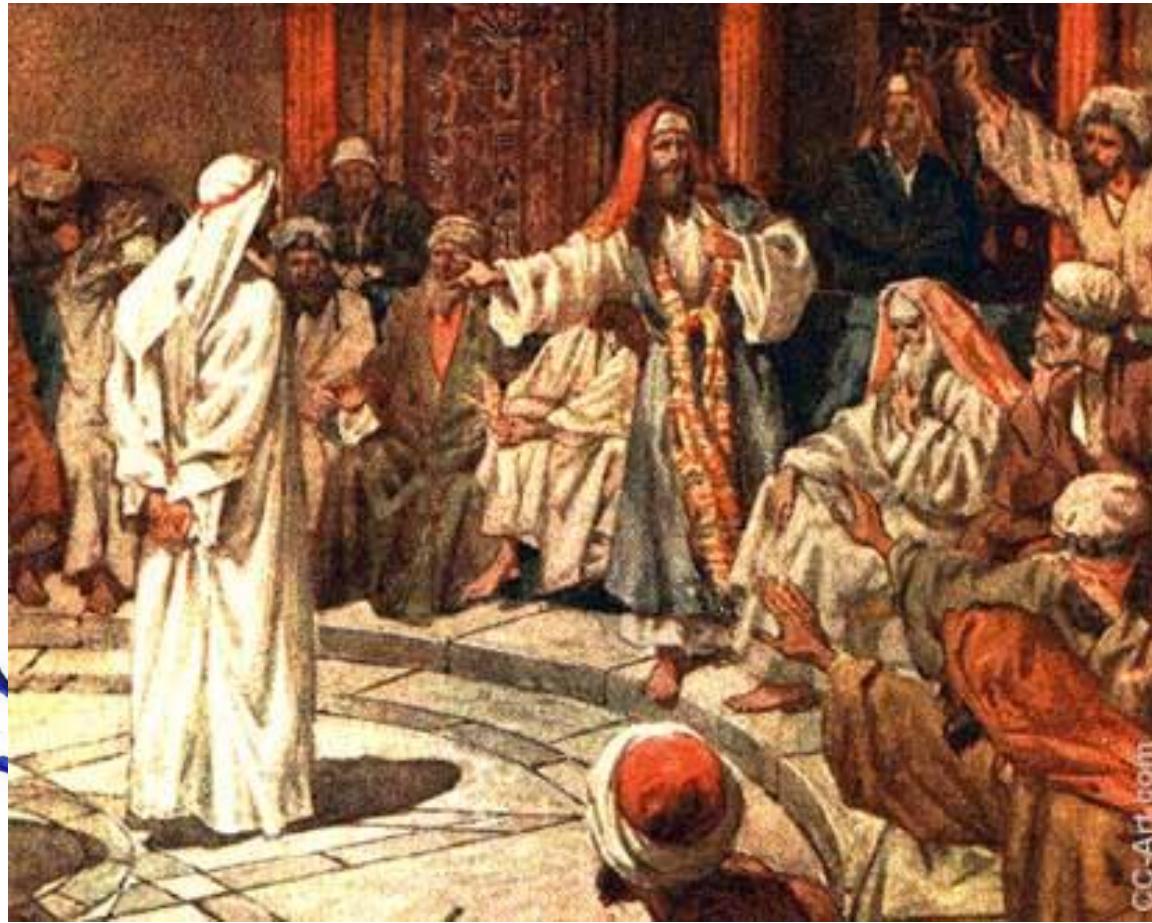
The Good News is Jesus is stronger
than demons.



In the Gospels, Jesus casted out various demons at least ten times.



But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law in Jerusalen accused Jesus that he was possessed by demons, and he had an impure spirit.



Mark 3:22-30



22 And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said,

He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons."





23 So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables:



"How can Satan drive out Satan?

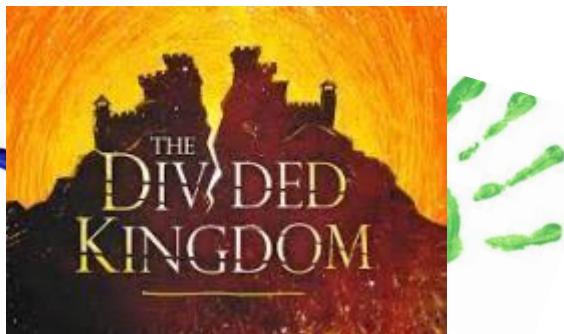


24. a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.



Mark 3:24

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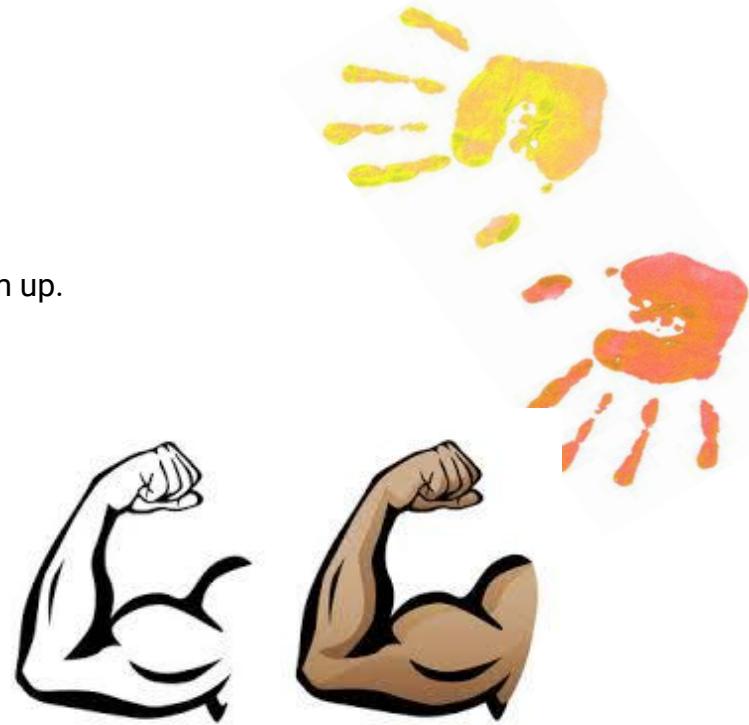
25 If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.



26 And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come.



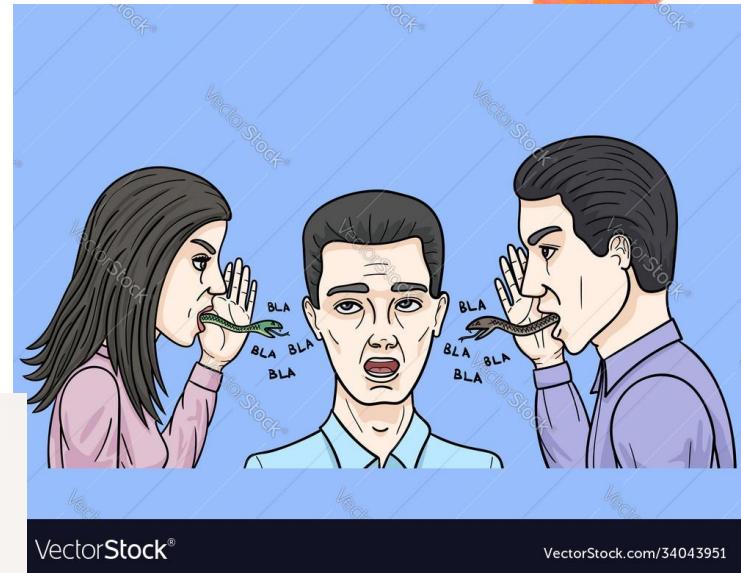
27 In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up.



27 Then he can plunder the strong man's house.



28 Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter,



29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin."



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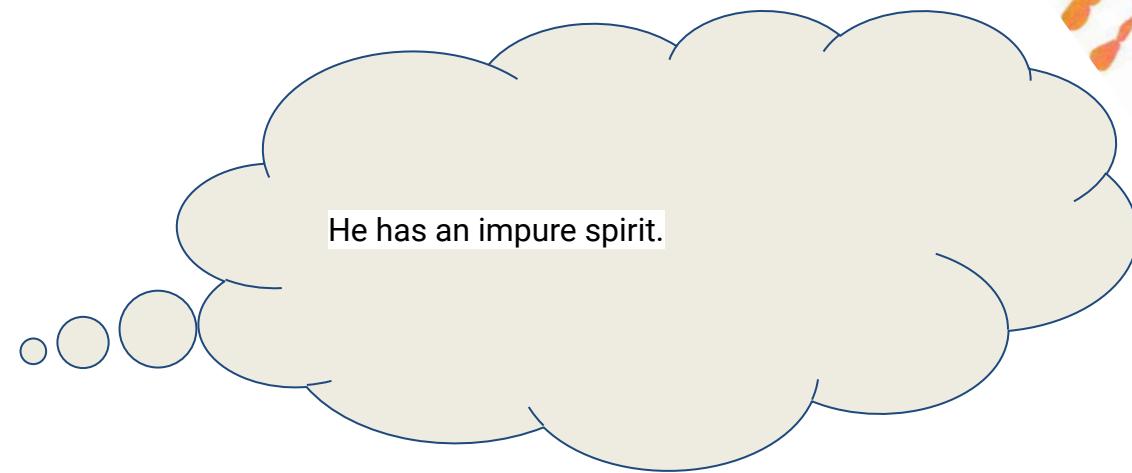
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**What is the
unforgivable sin?**

30 He (Jesus) said this because they were saying, "He has an impure spirit."



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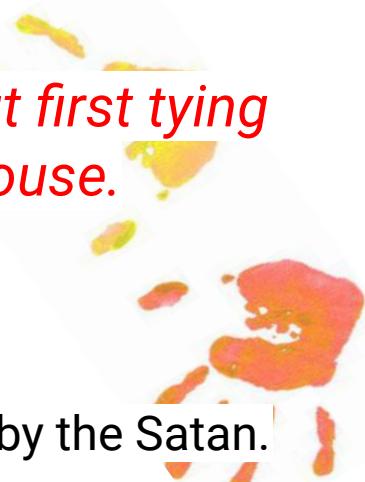
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What does the parable mean?

- The strong man represents the Satan
- The strong man's house represents the world which is controlled by the Satan.
- The strong man's properties represent the enslaved people.
- The one who tied the strong man represents Jesus Himself.

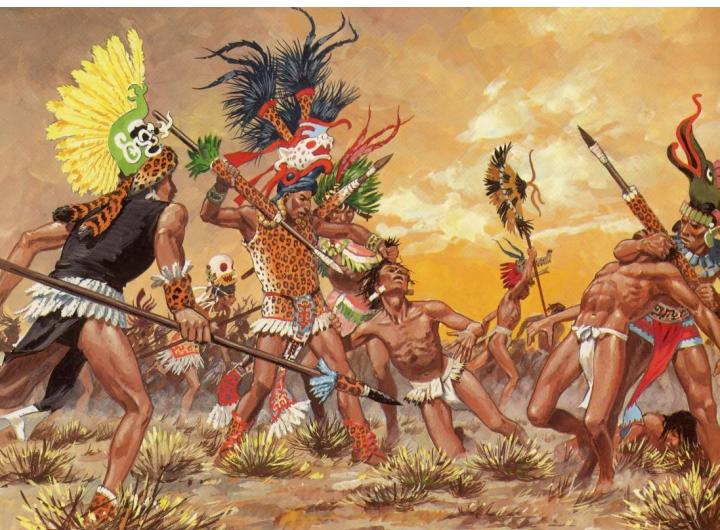
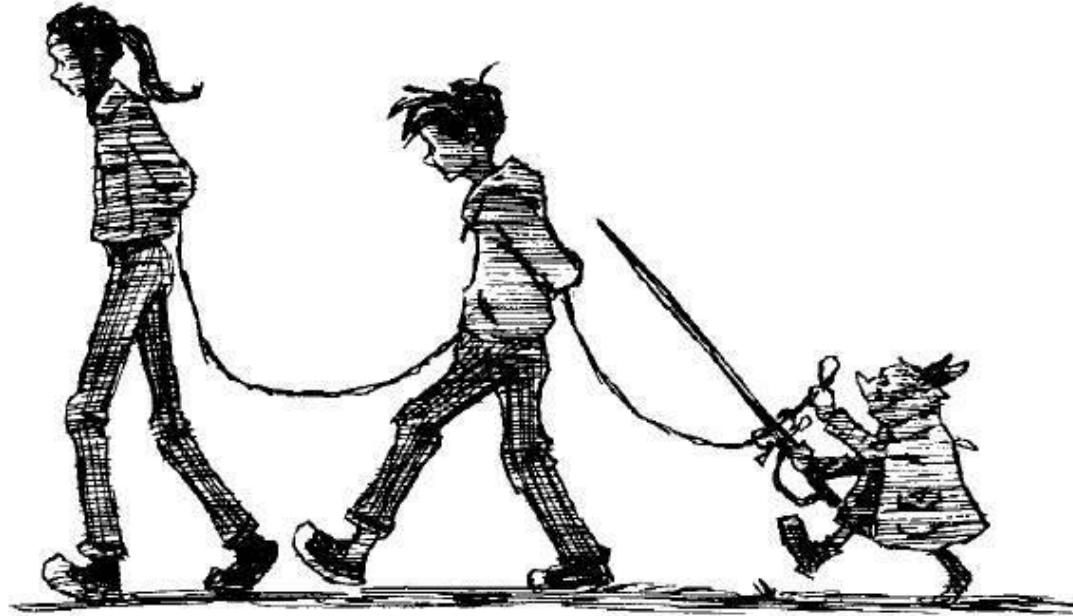
What can we learn?

- Jesus is stronger than the strong man.
- Only when Jesus tied the Satan, the people of the world can escape from the evil.
- no one except Jesus can save the people of the world.



(Isaiah 49:24, NIV)

Can plunder be taken from warriors,
or captives rescued from the fierce?



Isaiah 49:25, NIV

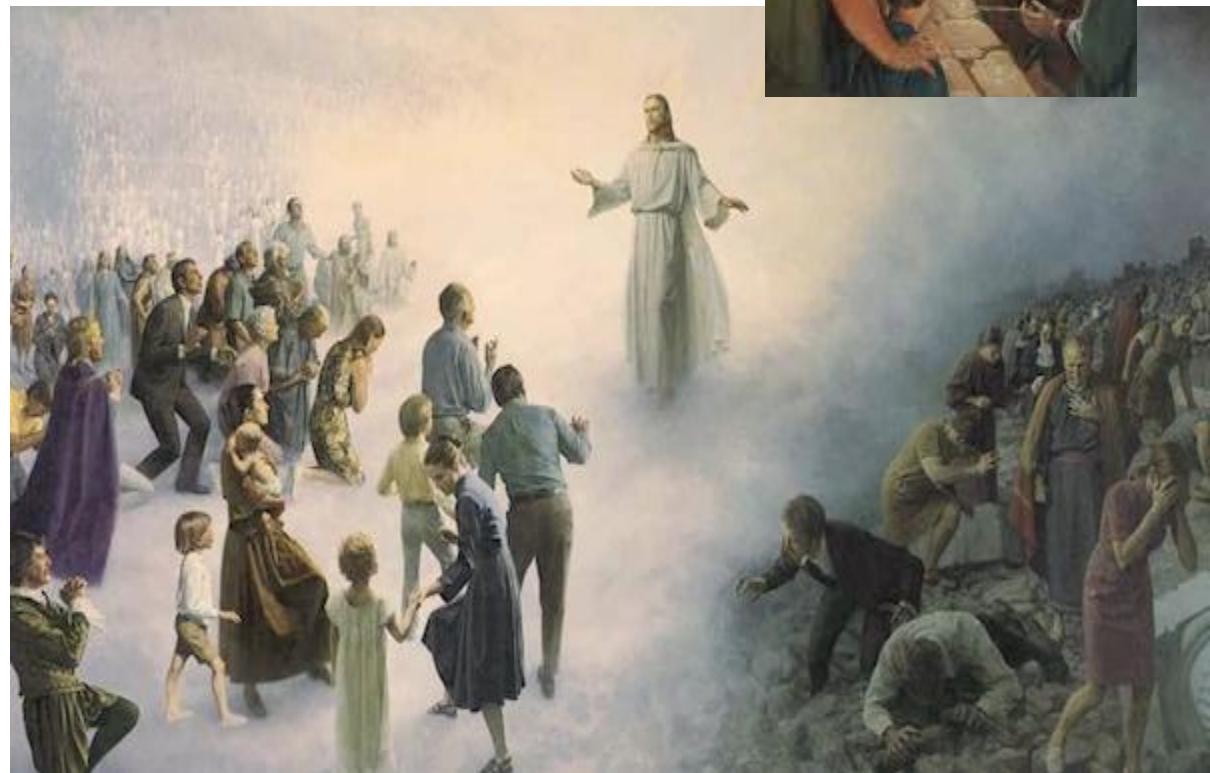
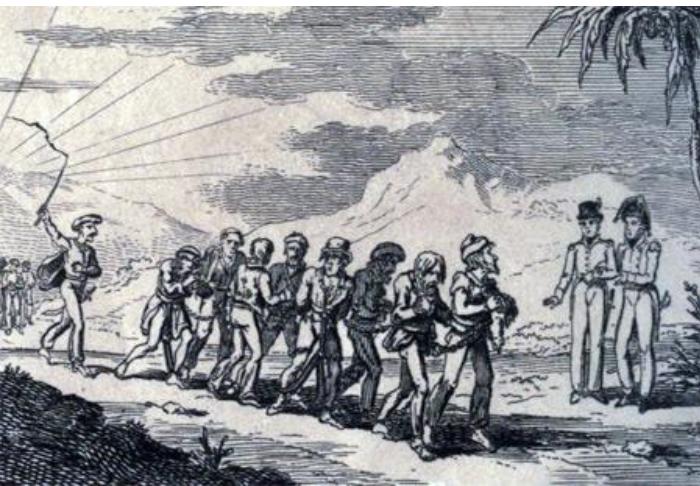
But this is what the LORD says:

*"Yes, captives will be taken from warriors,
and plunder retrieved from the fierce;
I will contend with those who contend with you,
and your children I will save.* (Isaiah 49:25, NIV)



Eph4:8 NIV

This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men."



Let us pray



Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for sending your only Son Jesus Christ to the world. By being nailed on the cross and resurrected to the heaven on the third day, you conquered the king of the world. Because of your sacrifice once, we have been saved from the Satan, and we have no fears.

You are the only one worthy to be praised. We give all glories and praises to Jesus the lamb of God. We believe in you, we love you and we want to follow you. Please continue to lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

The Kingdom, the Power and the Glories are yours.
Pray in name of Jesus, Amen

End



