

Face to Face Bible Bits

5. God in Jesus turns up, speaks up, mixes up, lifts up.



Jesus and his disciples went to the town of Capernaum. And straight away on the Sabbath he went into the meeting place and started teaching. Everyone was amazed at his teaching. He taught with authority, and not like the scribes. And straight away a man with a messed-up spirit in him entered the meeting place and yelled, "Jesus from Nazareth, what do you want with us? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are! You are God's Holy One."

Jesus told the messed-up spirit, "Be quiet and come out of the man!" The messed-up spirit shook him. Then it gave a loud shout and left.

Everyone was completely surprised and kept questioning each other, "What is this? New teaching with authority! Even the messed-up spirits obey him."

And straight away news about Jesus spread all over Galilee.

And straight away Jesus left the meeting place with James and John, and they went home with Simon and Andrew. When they got there, straight away Jesus was told that Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed with fever. Jesus went to her. He took hold of her hand and helped her up. The fever left her, and she served them. That evening at sunset, all who were sick or had demons in them were brought to Jesus. The whole town gathered around the door of the house. Jesus healed all kinds of terrible diseases and threw out a lot of demons. But the demons knew who he was, so he did not let them speak.

Very early the next morning, Jesus got up and went to a place where he could be alone and pray.

Read more in Mark 1 - in fact the whole book of Mark takes less than 2 hours - reading or listening to a little 10 minute bite each day will get you through it in a couple of weeks.

