

Mark 9:14-29
When Nothing Seems to Make Sense

“Everything becomes more and more itself. Here is joy that cannot be shaken. Our light can swallow up your darkness; but your darkness cannot now infect our light.” — C.S. Lewis, [The Great Divorce](#)

1. Amazement and the Presenting Problem 14-18

A. Argument and Amazement 14, 15

B. Amazement

“And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them.” -Mark 9:2-3 ESV

C. The Presenting Problem 16-18

“And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.” -Mark 6:7-13 ESV

2. Rebuke 19-26

A. Rebuke of the Disciples 19

“For he said, “Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely.” And he became their Savior. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them.” -Isaiah 63:8-10 ESV

B. Demon’s Reaction to Jesus

“And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. And crying out with a loud voice, he said, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me.” For he was saying to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!” And Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” He replied, “My name is Legion, for we are many.” And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country.” -Mark 5:6-10 ESV

“And behold, they cried out, “What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?”” -Matthew 8:29 ESV

C. How Long? 21, 22

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” -John 10:10 ESV

D. A Personal Interaction We All Need 23, 24
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E. Jesus Cast the Demon Out 25-27

3. So How Do We Handle These Intense Situations? 28, 29

A. The Question We Need an Answer to 28
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B. Jesus Is the Answer 29
“And the Lord said to Satan, “The Lord rebuke you, O Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?”” -Zechariah 3:2 ESV

“praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,” -Ephesians 6:18 ESV

Reflection: Where do you need Jesus to help your unbelief today? What burden do you need to take to Him?

Follow UP in the Word through the Week...

Monday: Mark 9:2-13. When have you had a moment that you felt so close to Jesus and what to just stay there? Have you drawn on those moments recently?

Tuesday: Mark 6:7-13. What were the instructions to the disciples from Jesus? In what ways should we use this same model today as we reach out to others who need Jesus?

Wednesday: Isaiah 63:8-10. What does this statement by Isaiah say about the people of God? In what ways did they grieve the Holy Spirit?

Thursday: Mark 5:6-10. How do these demons interact with Jesus? What does this say about the power of Jesus over demons and demonic activity?

Friday: John 10:10. What is Satan's mission according to Jesus? What is Jesus' mission in contradiction to Satan?

Saturday: Zechariah 3:2. Who does the rebuking of Satan in this passage? How important is that for us as we deal with the darkness around us?