

4. Watch the BibleProject's "The Satan and Demons" video. What particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?



5. Read Ephesians 6:10-18 in light of this passage and the video. What are some action steps you can take to be better prepared to stand strong against the evil one?

Ephesians 6:10-18: Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Where is God leading you with your BLESS list this week?



## SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

### Meeting Jesus

"Deliver Us from the Evil One"

Matthew 8:28-34

Meeting Jesus is a transformative encounter that \_\_\_\_\_ us in a new and exciting direction.

My \_\_\_\_\_ is that we'll all pray, "Deliver us from the evil one," with greater frequency, urgency, and desperation after today.

1. The evil one is \_\_\_\_\_.

From the very beginning of the Bible to the very end (and at every point in between), it describes an \_\_\_\_\_ realm populated by spiritual beings. It doesn't speak of God as the only spiritual being that exists. And it directly teaches that these beings exist and influence world events and daily life and individuals.

Saying that all of our problems are purely spiritual in nature is ignorantly simplistic and reductionistic. May I suggest that it might be equally so to deny that there are personal, evil beings in an \_\_\_\_\_ realm?

If we ignore the evil one—his ability to deceive and the way he infiltrates culture and systems—we're all the more \_\_\_\_\_.

Chronological \_\_\_\_\_ refers to the belief that current ideas, customs, or values are superior to those of the past simply because they are more recent. It's biased against the past. It's ignorant of the wisdom and insights of past generations. It assumes that we've progressed in all ways beyond past generations. So ideas about the spiritual realm are from the past, and we've moved beyond them.

Chronological snobbery regarding the unseen, spiritual realm isn't something out there believed by \_\_\_\_\_. It's probably in all of us.

2. The evil one is wicked \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 14: <sup>32</sup> And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup> Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

3. The evil one is \_\_\_\_\_.

Throughout the story of God, the power of the evil one is a power \_\_\_\_\_ from our consent. We yield power to him. And he has to deceive us; he can't just overpower us on his own.

The townspeople aren't raving mad, yet the \_\_\_\_\_ of the evil one over them is very real.

The townspeople's prayer is, "Do \_\_\_\_\_ deliver us from the evil one."

This exorcism and other exorcisms in the gospels aren't just about delivering certain individuals; they are about the bigger picture of delivering us from the evil one. They point us to what life in the kingdom will be, life under the rule and reign of God when the hidden realm of the \_\_\_\_\_ is once again on the earth.

Ephesians 6:10-18

Resources:

- The BibleProject's "Spiritual Beings" series of six videos.
- The BibleProject's Study Notes for the Spiritual Beings Series at [bit.ly/3Qd14SZ](https://bit.ly/3Qd14SZ).
- Duguid, Iain M. [The Whole Armor of God](#).
- [Comer, John Mark. Live No Lies : Recognize and Resist the Three Enemies That Sabotage Your Peace.](#)
- Our recent sermon series on Matthew 4:1-11, "The Fight."

## Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Describe a time when a stranger's erratic behavior frightened you.
3. Read Matthew 8:28-34. What does the response of the demons reveal about their recognition of Jesus' identity and their understanding of future judgment?