

Jesus Understands When A Truth About You Is Weaponized

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"In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon?

'I know who You Are-the Holy One of God!'"

-Luke 4:33-34

I used to read the deliverance in the synagogue
as just a dramatic scene in the story-
a violent eruption
that showed Jesus' authority over Satan's domain-
which it does.

But as I studied His temptation in the wilderness,
one line at its conclusion stopped me-
a sentence that reveals Satan's strategy,
like the box top to a puzzle:

"And Satan left Him until an opportune time."

-Luke 4:13

Satan wasn't retreating in the desert-
he was regrouping,
waiting for the next opening.

Jesus is teaching
when suddenly-

"What do You want with us, Jesus of Nazareth?

Have You come to destroy us?"

-Luke 4:34

Notice,
the demon didn't speak as "I," but as "us"-

He wasn't a lone intruder
but Satan's scout-
the tip of the spear.

And then the strike:

"I know who You are-
the Holy One of God!"
-Luke 4:34

Jesus silences him immediately-
and you may not know this about Jesus-
He knows when a truth about Him
is being weaponized.

Later He will forbid other demons
from identifying Him.

Why?

Because Satan didn't send evil spirits
to validate Jesus,
but to discredit Him.

A lying spirit tells the truth
to deceive.

If a demon calls Him "the Holy One of God,"
then He must not be.
If a liar identifies Him,
then He must be working with liars.

Satan seized the moment
to make Jesus appear
as a satanic Messiah-
heralded by hell's own voices.

The crowd didn't see it.
They marveled.
But the Pharisees believed the lie.
And they repeated it.

That's the danger of the opportune moment:
Satan can twist even the truth
into a weapon of confusion.

That accusation becomes a dark thread
woven through His ministry,
whispered in crowds (Jn 7:12)
argued in councils (Mk 3:22)
tightened around His trial (Lk 23:2)
and followed Him to the cross (Mt 27:39-43)

But the story didn't end on Golgotha.

Three days later,
the paradigm shifted.

Darkness cracked.

Light broke through.

And the darkness?

It still waits-
for an opportune time.

But so does our King.