

# Jesus vs. the Strong Man

22 The scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons.” 23 And so He called them to Himself and began speaking to them in parables: “How can Satan cast out Satan? 24 And if a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. 26 And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but he is finished! 27 But no one can enter the strong man’s house and plunder his property unless he first ties up the strong man, and then he will plunder his house. (Mark 3:22-27 NASB)

1. The corrupt religious leaders had to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus’ power.

At that, the Pharisees got together with the supporters of Herod to plan how to destroy Jesus. (Mark 3:6 CEB)

Many of them said, “He has a demon!” and “He’s *meshugga!* Why do you listen to him?” (John 10:20 CJB)

2. Jesus said the unsaved are \_\_\_\_\_ of the strong man.

1 Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. 2 You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. 3 All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God’s anger, just like everyone else. (Ephesians 2:1-3 NLT)

3. Jesus proved he was \_\_\_\_\_ to Satan and delivers the born again to the kingdom of heaven.

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. May the grace of our Lord Jesus be with you. (Romans 16:20 NLT)