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Isaiah 9:6,7

“⁶For unto us Child is born, unto us Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The Everlasting Father, **The Prince of Peace**. ⁷Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of The **LORD** of hosts will perform this” (Isa. 9:6,7).

The Translation of The Septuagint Rendering of The Old Testament

“⁶Since unto-us Educable-Child [aor. pass.]was-being-begotten, unto-us Son [aor. pass.]was-given: the principality of-Whom became upon the shoulder of-His: and the name of-His is-being-called Messenger-of-Great Counsel, for I-shall-bring peace upon the rulers[magistrates] and health to-Him. ⁷The principality of-His great!^[nom. of excl.] and to-the Peace of-His there-is no limit; upon the throne of-David and The Kingdom of-His, to-set-straight and to-establish [^{loc. ev}]in-judgment and [^{loc. ev}]in-righteousness from the now even /forever. The zeal of-The **LORD** of-Hosts shall-do this” (Isa.9:6,7LXXAPT).

Part 19

Introduction:

We have been studying the seven aspects of the second of six facts about The Lord Jesus Christ as to **Who The Prince of Peace Is**. These are: **I. What is Peace; II. Who The Prince of Peace Is; III. What He Came To Do; IV. When He Came; V. Where He Now Is; VI. When He Comes Again**. In the last eighteen lessons we completed the first fact, **What is Peace** and the second fact **Who The Prince of Peace Is**. Then last week we began the third fact **What He Came to Do**.

III. What The Lord Jesus Christ Came to Do.

There are at least twelve unequalled achievements which The Prince of Peace came to Earth to perform. There are seven of these that The Lord Jesus Christ Himself declared during His life on Earth. Then there are five others that were declared by John at the end of his life between A.D. 90-94. All these are considered in the chronological order in which The Lord Jesus expressed them recorded first, then those which were not revealed until John recorded them under the control of The Holy Spirit in A.D. 90-94.

It took a supernatural human who has never sinned to perform all these difficult tasks that The Lord Jesus Christ came to achieve. In addition to the first seven, c. A.D. 90 when he recorded his Gospel, the beloved disciple, John added five more reasons for His coming to Earth, two reasons for **His Being Brought into Being** and three other reasons for What He Revealed. These have been added rather than inserted earlier because progressive revelation by The God did not reveal these Truths until, just before at Ephesus or shortly after, John was banished to the Isle of Patmos by The Roman Emperor Domitian in A.D. 90 (Rev. 1:9). It is your teacher's intention with occasional rare exceptions, which are noted as such, to present Truth in the light of progressive revelation in order to have an understanding that the saints, late in the first century after The Crucifixion and Resurrection-Ascension of The Lord Jesus Christ, understood Truth.

Consider these twelve reasons why The Prince of Peace Came to Earth as a Human in more detail. In the last lesson we considered the first four reasons why The Lord Jesus Christ Came to Earth.

A. He Came to Do The Determined Will of His Father, The God.

We already noted the statement that The Heavenly Host multitude proclaimed when The Lord Jesus Christ was born was The Triune God's

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intended ultimate purpose of which the angels were unaware. Their knowledge was limited to past and present events. They were unaware of the communication that transpired between Jesus and His Father at the moment of His birth just before their announcement, or at least moments before the time they were praising Him, to the shepherds in the nearby field. This communication took place at the moment The Baby Jesus came into the world in Tebét (Dec.-Jan.), 4 B.C., but was not recorded until late Spring, A.D. 63, when the Apostle Paul, under control by The Holy Spirit recorded in his Treatise to The Hebrews, what had transpired the moment that The Baby was born and laid in the feed trough in the stable. The Lord Jesus quoted David's Messianic Psalm of Prophecy (Ps. 40:6-8). He stated that The God furnished Him a body to sacrifice in place of the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices which were offered according to The Law, in which The God did not delight.

Then after clarifying this communication by Jesus, Paul explained the meaning relating to The Determined Will of God. He referred to two determined wills of His, the first and the second. Paul concluded That The Lord Jesus Christ abolished (nullified or negated) The First (The Law - Covenant/Testament) in order to establish (cause to stand) The Second (The New Covenant/Testament) in place of and exchange for The First (The Law) (Heb. 10:9 APT). It is by means of The New Determined Will of The Godhead that those who meet His conditions of Peace stand sanctified (set apart as holy exclusively for The God to the fullest extent) through or because-of the offering of the body of Jesus, The Christ. This was completely unlike the repeated animal burnt offerings-sacrifices that were required by The Law that could never take away sins, but only excuse those sins for which the sacrifice was made. But His body was given to live into adulthood without Sin so as to be a perfect and sinless burnt offering-sacrifice that would take away Sin and clear the conscience.

This is the first difficult task that The Lord Jesus Christ, The Prince of Peace came into this world to accomplish, which He perfectly completed. Secondly,

B. He Came to Die in order to Fulfill The First Exploit (Heb. 10:5-8,10).

This second exploit is solely dependent upon the first exploit. If He was not born as The God manifest as The Human Son of The God, He could not fulfill any of the other exploits necessary to fully restore humans to their original created state with perfect, sinless relationship in Perfect Peace with The Triune God. Scripture recorded in The Scroll of The Prophetic Psalm of David (Ps. 40:6) that The God positively did not delight in either sacrifices or whole burnt-offerings in behalf of Sin, the root and sins, the fruit, which sacrifices were offered according to The Law. What had to be accomplished could only be successful if it was His perfect sinless body which Satan tried to destroy or to get Him to avoid and not fulfill His Peace Mission, at least twice recorded during His three plus years of ministry.

All humans that are born are anticipated to live, but The Lord Jesus Christ, The Prince of Peace came for the express purpose to die in the prime of life, after living just more than three years after attaining the age of thirty, the age required for men of the sons of Kohath to serve in the Tabernacle, especially the priests (Num. 4:3,35). This is important since Jesus must serve as Great High Priest for all humans in the world, who completely comply and meet His conditions of Peace.

But it is also important to notice that He had to become a burnt sacrifice. Indeed He did suffer as a substitute (one who takes the place

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for another for a short time) through The Eternal Fire and Brimstone in Judgment for Sin and sins as the whole Earth became enveloped in darkness, prophesied by Isaiah and recorded by three witnesses, Luke, Mark, and Matthew. Therefore this fact is established according to The Law (Deut. 17:6; 19:15; Mt 18:16; etc.). The Holy Spirit wisely directed John to record the evidence to this fact that He endured The Fire of The God's Eternal Anger or Wrath. He stated that he saw the Resurrected-Glorified Christ, whom he knew as Son of The (Hu)Man on Earth with His exposed feet below His garment (robe). He described those blessed nail-pierced feet appearing as fine burnished brass that had been through the scorching fire of the furnace.

This is the second difficult task that The Lord Jesus Christ, The Prince of Peace came into this world to accomplish, which He perfectly completed. Thirdly,

C. He Came to Summon Sinners unto Repentance.

[We noted that the Greek verb that The Lord Jesus used, has eight meanings according to context, specified by Walter Bauer in A Greek-English Lexicon of The New Testament, 1979, p. 399. It is to be translated as context dictates either 'call' with four variations, or 'invite,' 'call together,' or 'summon' with two variations: from family and close friends and used as a technical legal term from court or High Authority. This last meaning indicates that there are legal consequences for failure to heed the instructions and Truth concerning The God in relationship with His people, His disciples. and sinners, summoning all to Repentance, Salvation, Obedience, and Peace. It should be translated 'summoned,' which conveys that there are eternal consequences for ignoring or refusing to promptly and respectfully respond.]

This confrontation with the scribes and Pharisees concerning eating and drinking with tax-collectors and sinners occurred in early Nisan (March) A.D. 31. The Lord Jesus rebuked them and stated a third reason why He came. He came to Earth **NOT** to summon the righteous ones but rather to urgently summons sinners to repentance. A 'summons' is a notification by a court "to appear in court or to attend to some duty." In this case the notification is for sinners that they are to appear before The Judgment Throne of The God to answer for their lack of fulfilling the requirements for Peace with The God. The consequence for lack of fulfilling any of His conditions is Eternal Suffering in The Lake of Fire and Brimstone with no relief ever!

This is the third difficult task that The Lord Jesus Christ, The Prince of Peace came into this world to accomplish, which He perfectly completed. Fourthly,

D. He Came to Set Humans at Variance and Division between Close Family Members.

This statement by The Lord Jesus occurred in Kislev (late November) A.D. 31, just after He authorized His twelve disciples with authority and instructions to be His apostles and sent them two by two throughout the nation, limiting them to speak to Israel's perishing sheep to proclaim-as-a-Herald the gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven. He warned them of the negative treatment and persecution that they were going to receive from some of their friends and family, who would reject their message. He told them that the judgment of those who reject their proclamation in the final Day of Judging shall be worse than that of Sodom and **Gohmorrhah** (Gomorrhah). In response to rejection, they were to curse that city and go on to another. He encouraged His apostles by His

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instructions that some cities or towns in Israel that would hospitably receive them. Peace would be upon that house that did hospitably receive them. Then He added this statement () to nullify and correct whatever false understanding they might have had concerning reason for His coming.

Then a year later in mid-Hesh'von (early November) A.D. 32, after telling the parable of The Housemaster, The Lord Jesus related the consequences for both waiting and being ready for His Return or for not being prepared and waiting, and the consequences for those who knew their Lord's determined will and did it not as well as those who did not know His determined will but did things worthy of stripes (Lk. 12:47-49). Then He added a reminder of why He came to Earth.

He went on to explain how division will occur when He is proclaimed and some have complied with all His conditions of Peace but others have not. The family and in-laws shall be divided one against another. Therefore completely complying with His conditions for Peace shall indeed cause His Perfect Peace to abide within the obedient heart, while there may be outward turmoil and division around one. But in union with The Lord Jesus Christ and The Godhead and with His Perfect Peace which can calm the soul, the heart, and the mind, while turmoil abounds all around. This is the fourth difficult task that The Lord Jesus Christ, The Prince of Peace came into this world to accomplish, which He perfectly completed.

Now we resume our study at the fifth reason why The Lord Jesus Christ came according to His own declaration to His Disciples before He was Crucified. Fifthly,

E. He Came to Reveal and Demonstrate The God's Power and Authority (Lk. 4:31-37; 5:17-24; 9:37-43; Mt. 9:1-8; 17:14-20; Mk. 1:21-18; 2:1-12; 9:14-29; and Acts 10:38);

It was deemed preferable to treat all five of these reasons for The Lord Jesus to reveal and demonstrate His ability to exercise The God's miraculous power and authority together. Since the last four of these occurred at different times later than the date of the reason for coming to Summon Sinners to Repentance (Mar. A.D. 31), it was decided to consider all of these at once at the time that the first two recordings of the first reason took place January (Tebét), 30 A.D.

There are **four occasions** in which Scripture indicates that The Lord Jesus Christ demonstrated His Authority and Miraculous Power.

1. In Tebét (Dec.-Jan.) A.D. 29, in The Synagogue in Kahpehrnah-oúm He Cleansed a Man Possessed by an Unclean Demon early in His Ministry (Lk. 4:31-36; Mk. 1:21-28).
2. Later in March (early Nisán), A.D. 31, in Kahpehrnah-oúm again while teaching Pharisees and Mosaic-Law-teachers He Cured a Paralyzed Man upon a Couchette of Sickness or Stretcher (Lk. 5:17-25 cf. Mt. 9:1-8).
3. In June (Sivan) A.D. 32 in Panias, at the foot of Mt. Hermon, He Cured a Boy Possessed with an Unclean Spirit (Lk. 9:37-43).
4. Then in A.D. 63, Luke, the beloved physician and historian recorded in Acts of The Apostles the declaration that Peter expressed to **Kohrnáyleoohs** (Cornelius) that The Lord Jesus Christ Demonstrated His Miraculous Power in Judea {Youdiah} (Acts 10:34-43).

These four occasions caused the majority of the people at hand at the time of occurrence to recognize that The Lord Jesus Christ exercised the miraculous power and authority that only The God Himself could display. Now we let us consider in more detail each of these four occasions individually.

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1. In The Synagogue in **Kahpehrnah-oúm** He Cleansed a Man Possessed by an Unclean Demon early in His Ministry (Lk. 4:31-36; Mk. 1:21-28).

In Tebét (Dec.-Jan.) A.D. 29, The Lord Jesus Christ had been forced to leave His hometown, **Nahzahréth** and moved His residence and household to **Kahpehrnah-oúm**. Then the first occasion to reveal and demonstrate His exercise of The God's Miraculous Power and Authority took place early in His public ministry one week later in the synagogue on a Sabbath day in early January (Tibet), 30 A.D. His teaching was rudely and abruptly interrupted by a demon, who possessed a human screaming out at Jesus, while He was teaching (Lk. 4:31-37).

“³¹And He-came-down unto **Kahpehrnah-oúm**, a-city of-the Galilee. And He-was-habitually-teaching them ^[loc. év]in-the-Sabbath-days. ³²And they-were-being-astounded over the teaching because the word of-His was with^[instr. mns.] authority. ³³And a-human^[generic] having a-spirit of-an-unclean demon was-continuing ^[loc. év]in-the-synagogue. And he-screamed ^[loc. imp. mns.]with-a-loud^[great] call, ³⁴saying, Ha! What ^[is-it] with-us and with-You[§], Jesus, ^[voc.]O-Nazarene^[Nahzahray-nóhs]? Did-You-come to-utterly-destroy us? I-perceive Yourself Who You-are, The Holy-One of-The God. ³⁵And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Be-muzzled-at-once! And at once-you-are-to-exit out-of him! And after-throwing-him-down in-the-midst, the demon exited away-from him, not even injuring-him. ³⁶And an-astonishment came-to-pass upon all. And they-were-repeatedly-speaking-together to^[to-the-face-of] one-another, saying, What ^[word] ^[is] this!^[nom. excl.] Because with^[impr. mns.] authority and miraculous-power He-repeatedly-enjoins the unclean spirits and they-exit. ³⁷And news^[noise] concerning Him proceeded-out into every place of-the surrounding-region” (Lk. 4:31-37 APT).

As soon as He was interrupted, The Lord Jesus immediately rebuked the demon and commanded him to exit away from the man that he possessed. {Note how Satan tries to disrupt the teaching of the God's Word and how The Lord Jesus turned it into a demonstration of His power over Satan to prove His miraculous power, authority, and control!} The demon threw the man down and then obeyed the Lord's command and exited away without injuring the man. Then came the reaction of the all the people in the synagogue. Their reaction was astonishment followed by repeatedly speaking to one another, expressing their amazement and recognition of His authority and miraculous power to the extent of verbal control of unclean demon-spirits. The people of **Kahpehrnah-oúm** did not need to be told or given an explanation or announcement of His miraculous power and authority. That was obvious to all who were present.

The Gospel of Mark also records this event from a slightly different perspective emphasized (Mk. 1:21-28).

“²¹And they-make-entrance into **Kahpehrnah-oúm**. And immediately on-the Sabbath[&] ^[days] after-entering into the synagogue, He-began-teaching. ²²And they-were-consistently-astounded at His ^[doctrine] for He was consistently-teaching them as having authority and not as the scribes. ^{23c}And a human^[generic] with an unclean spirit was-continuing ^[loc. év]in-the-synagogue. And he-screamed, ³⁴saying, Ha! What ^[is-it] with-us and with-You[§], Jesus, ^[voc.]O-Nazarene^[Nahzahray-nóhs]? Did You[§] come to utterly destroy us? I perceive Who You[§] Yourselfare, The Holy⁺ One of The God. Did-You-come to-utterly-destroy us? I-perceive Yourself Who You-are, The Holy-One of-The God. ³⁵And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Be-muzzled-at-once! And at once-you-are-to-exit out-of him! ²⁶And after-convulsing him, the unclean ^[spirit] both clamored with a-great call and ^[dbl. év]/exited-out-of-him. ²⁷And ^[ing. aor.]they- all-became-astonished, so-as to-argue with^[to-the-face-of] themselves, saying, What ^[is] this? What ^[new]^[kind-of] ^[doctrine], this!^[nom. excl.] Because according-to authority He-is-persistently-enjoining even ^[dis. dat.]against-the-

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unclean /spirits and they-are-obeying Him. ²⁸Then directly the renown^{hearing,} cf.Lk.4:37) of-His exited unto the whole surrounding-region of-the Galilee” (Mk. 1:21-28 APT).

Notice these differences of details in Mark’s perspective compared with Luke’s perspective of this occasion both under the control and guidance by The Holy Spirit. The reason being that Mark accents the works and deeds of The Lord Jesus Christ depicting Him as The God’s Perfect Servant in action, while Luke portrays Him as The Perfect (Hu)Man providing historical certainty and orderly arrangement of The God’s Perfect and Ideal Hu(Man), Who made available universal ‘Salvation for all flesh’ (Lk. 3:6) and adds ‘to save the ‘perishing Ones’ (19:10), Light for revelation unto Gentiles (Lk. 2:32), and repentance and forgiveness of sins unto all nations beginning away from Jerusalem (Lk. 24:47 cf. Rom. 1:16). There are seven differences in the information between the recording by Mark and the one by Luke such as:

- a. The comparison of authority in the teaching by Jesus with the teaching by the scribes recorded by Mark (1:22) was omitted by Luke.
- b. Mark uses the medical term ‘convulsing him’ (1:26a) while Luke uses the term ‘throwing him down in the midst’ (1:35d).
- c. Mark uses the term ‘an unclean spirit’ (1:23) while Luke uses the term ‘an unclean demon’ (4:33).
- d. Luke observed the medical condition of the man after the demon exited out of him as ‘not even injuring him’ (v. 35), while Mark omits it but instead adds ‘the unclean spirit both clamored with a great call and exited out of-him’ (v. 26b).
- e. Luke expressed what the crowd was saying to one another after the cleansing by using the noun ‘word’ in the nominative of exclamation case (4:36d), while Mark expressed what the crowd was saying to one another with a question and added an exclamation, “‘What /new [kind-of] /doctrine, this^{[nom.excl.]!}’” (v. 27cb).
- f. Luke added ‘and miraculous-power’ to ‘authority’ being ascribed to The Lord Jesus Christ (4:36e) which Mark recorded (1:27e). And finally,
- g. Luke recorded the response of the demon to The Lord Jesus Christ’s command as ‘and they exit’ (4:36f), while Mark noted the the unclean demons’ obedience’ (1:27).

Then the people who were present at this miracle which Jesus performed spread around the news (renown) concerning Him unto every place of the surrounding region of Galilee. This was the second miracle that The Lord Jesus Christ performed, first, changing water into wine, then cleansing a human from an unclean demon-spirit.

It is important to note that the common people readily recognized that The Lord Jesus wielded the miraculous power and authority that belonged to The God and glorified Him in response to The Lord Jesus Christ’s miracles. And three years later they ascribed Him to be The Prophet that Moses promised would come (Mt. 21:11) and The Messiah prophesied by Daniel (Dan. 9:25,26), also as well, The coming King of Israel fulfilling The God’s promise to David to come in his lineage (Mk. 11:9; Lk. 19:37; Jn. 12:13 cf. 2 Sam. 7:12-16). In contrast the religious leaders, Scribes, Pharisees, and Priests of the day reacted with antagonism, resentment, and ultimately called for outright execution of dissenters, similarly as many religious leaders of today, although they covertly, pursue spiritual warfare in semblance by proclaiming a false gospel which is “another-different-kind-of gospel” or at least a watered down facsimile, “which is not another-of-the same kind” (Gal. 1:7

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APT). (Free copy available of Leaflet entitled *Another Gospel* by Arthur W. Pink on our Website, www.happyheralds.org/Leaflets.htm.)

To which gospel are you committed and are adhering? The One True Gospel of The New Covenant with complete obedience to all conditions of Perfect Peace in union with The Lord Jesus Christ or another gospel of a different kind, “which is not another-of-the same kind”? Examine this carefully for your eternal destiny depends upon it! And Satan shall do all in his power to keep you believing that you are all right with no need to be concerned so that you will spend Eternity with him in The Lake of Fire. He does this by seeking to convince you with lies, like he did with Eve and keeps on doing with well meaning sinners today.

This is a good place to take our break and resume our lesson next time, Lord willing.

Conclusion: Today in our study of **The Prince of Peace**, we began to consider the third major fact concerning our Lord Jesus Christ, under **What He Came to Earth to Do**. There are at least twelve unequalled achievements that He came to Earth to perform, eight which He declared during His lifetime on Earth, four others John declared at the end of his life between A.D. 90-94. These are:

- A. He Came to Do The Determined Will of His Father, The God (Heb. 10:5-10 cf., Ps. 40:7,8);
- B. He Came to Die in order to Fulfill The First Exploit (Heb. 10:5-8,10);
- C. He Came to Summon Sinners unto Repentance (Lk. 5:32);
- D. He Came to Set Humans at Variance with Parents (Mt. 10:34,35);
- E. He Came to Reveal and Demonstrate The God’s Power and Authority (Lk. 4:32,36; 5:17,23,24; 9:6-8; 9:42,43; and Acts 10:38);
- F. He Came to Ignite Fire onto the Earth (Lk. 12:49,51);
- G. He Came to Give His Natural Life in Exchange for many Sinners (Mk. 10:45);
- H. He Brought The Word of The God into Being (Jn. 1:1,14,17)
- I. He Came to Reveal The God’s Person (Jn 1:1,18; 14:7-11);
- J. He Came to Reveal The God’s Plan of Salvation (Jn. 1:12; 17:1,2).
- K. He Came to Save the World (Jn. 12:47); and
- L. He Came to Testify to The Truth (Jn. 18:37).

Last week we covered the first four of these.

- A. He Came to Do The Determined Will of His Father, The God;

Firstly, the Apostle Paul recorded in his Treatise to The Hebrews what had transpired the moment that The Baby was born and laid in the stable. He addressed The God and quoted David’s Messianic Psalm of Prophecy (Ps. 40:6-8) and indicated why He came. He stated that The God furnished Him a body to sacrifice in place of the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices which the Israelites offered according to The Law. In these The God delighted not nor determinedly willed to accept because of the sinful corruption and lack of obedience and disregard all that He required, even though He sent prophets to warn and urge them over and over to obey. All to no avail.

- B. He Came to Die in order to Fulfill The First Exploit;

Secondly, The Lord Jesus further quoted that The God positively did not delight in either sacrifice or whole burnt-offerings, in behalf of Sin (the root) and sins (the fruits), that were the sacrifices offered by the Israelites according to The Law. But what had to be accomplished could only be successful if it was His perfect sinless body that suffered in Eternal darkness of Fire. He came to accomplish and fulfill that need.

- C. He Came to Summon Sinners unto Repentance;

Thirdly, we noted that the Greek verb *καλέω* (kahléh-ō) is to be

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translated as context dictates as ‘call’ with four variations, ‘invite,’ ‘call-together,’ or ‘summon’ with two variations: from family and close friends and as a technical legal term from a court or High Authority, indicating that there are legal consequences for failure to heed the instructions for fulfilling the requirements for Peace. They all shall appear before The Judgment Throne of The God to answer for their lack of fulfilling the requirements for Peace. He came to summon sinners unto repentance!

D. He Came to Set Humans at Variance and Division between Close Family Members:

Fourthly, Jesus explained how division will occur when He is proclaimed and some have complied with all His conditions of Peace but others have not. The family and in-laws shall be divided one against another. His Perfect Peace shall abide within the obedient heart, while there may be outward turmoil and division around one, even when disturbed disobedient loved ones display disgust and anger over changed behavior.

Then today, we resumed with the fifth reason why The Lord Jesus Christ, The Prince of Peace came to Earth.

E. He Came to Reveal and Demonstrate The God’s Authority and Miraculous Power.

Fifthly, we first noted that there are **four occasions** in which Scripture indicates that The Lord Jesus Christ demonstrated His authority and miraculous power, the first of which we covered today.

1. In The Synagogue in **Kahpehrnah-oúm** He Cleansed a Man Possessed by an Unclean Demon early in His Ministry.

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We noted seven differences between Mark’s and Luke’s recording. Then those present at this second miracle which Jesus performed spread the news (renown) around concerning Him unto every place of the surrounding region of Galilee. In contrast the religious leaders, Scribes, Pharisees, and Priests of the day reacted with antagonism, resentment, and ultimately called for outright execution of dissenters and of Him, similarly as many religious leaders of today, although they covertly, pursue spiritual warfare in semblance by proclaiming a false gospel which is “another-different-kind-of gospel” or at least a watered down facsimile, “which is not another-of-the same kind” of Gospel. To which gospel are you committed and are adhering? The One True Gospel of The New Covenant with complete obedience to all conditions of Perfect Peace in union with The Lord Jesus Christ or another gospel of a different kind, “which is not another-of-the same kind” (Gal. 1:7)?

Application: Which gospel from now on will you determine to commit trust and adhere to with complete obedience persistently throughout the remaining time left in your life?

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For next week: **THE PRINCE OF PEACE: III. What He Came To Do:** part E.2. Please read and meditate upon: Lk. 5:17-25; Mk. 2:1-12; Mt. 9:2-8; Lk. 9:37-43).