

The Book of Mark:
Recognizing the Darkness

A few observations about demons from Scripture:

- They have _____.
- They are _____.
- Some are _____ than _____.

When an impure spirit comes out of a person, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. ⁴⁴ Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. ⁴⁵ Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that person is worse than the first. That is how it will be with this wicked generation."
Matthew 12:43-45

- **Demonic possession is _____.**

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.
Colossians 1:21 (NIV)

- **Not all _____ is demonic.**
- **Demons are connected to _____ harm.**

This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. ⁴ For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. ⁵ Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.
Mark 5:3-4 (NIV)

Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. "Baal, answer us!" they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made.

²⁷ At noon Elijah began to taunt them. "Shout louder!" he said. "Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened." ²⁸ So they shouted louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed.
1 Kings 18:26-28 (NIV)

Applications for us:

1. There is _____ for _____.

2. Don't get _____ with your _____.

Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man—and told about the pigs as well. ¹⁷ Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.
Mark 5:16-17 (NIV)

3. The kingdom of God ultimately _____ darkness.