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ACTS 19:8-20

8 Then Paul went to the synagogue and preached boldly for the next three months, arguing persuasively about the Kingdom of God. **9** But some became stubborn, rejecting his message and publicly speaking against the Way. **Acts 19:8,9a**

9 So Paul left the synagogue and took the believers with him. Then he held daily discussions at the lecture hall of Tyrannus. **10** This went on for the next two years, so that people throughout the province of Asia—both Jews and Greeks—heard the word of the Lord.

Acts 19:9b,10

11 God gave Paul the power to perform unusual miracles. **12** When handkerchiefs or aprons that had merely touched his skin were placed on sick people, they were healed of their diseases, and evil spirits were expelled. **Acts 19:11,12**

13A group of Jews was traveling from town to town casting out evil spirits. They tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus in their incantation, saying, “I command you in the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, to come out!”

Acts 19:13

14Seven sons of Sceva, a leading priest, were doing this. **15** But one time when they tried it, the evil spirit replied, “I know Jesus, and I know Paul, but who are you?” **16** Then the man with the evil spirit leaped on them, overpowered them, and attacked them with such violence that they fled from the house, naked and battered.

Acts 19:14-16

17The story of what happened spread quickly all through Ephesus, to Jews and Greeks alike. A solemn fear descended on the city, and the name of the Lord Jesus was greatly honored. **18**Many who became believers confessed their sinful practices.

Acts 19:17,18

19A number of them who had been practicing sorcery brought their incantation books and burned them at a public bonfire. The value of the books was several million dollars. **20** So the message about the Lord spread widely and had a powerful effect.

Acts 19:19,20









HOW GOD'S WORD CHANGED THE PAGAN WORLD

1 Proclaimed

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Satanic Resistance

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This went on for the next two years, so that people throughout the province of Asia—both Jews and Greeks—heard the word of the Lord. [Verse 10](#)

HOW GOD'S WORD CHANGED THE PAGAN WORLD

1 Proclaimed

I never shrank back from telling you what you needed to hear, either publicly or in your homes. **Acts 20:20**

HOW GOD'S WORD CHANGED THE PAGAN WORLD

2 Confirmed

God gave Paul the power to perform unusual miracles. [Verse 11](#)

HOW GOD'S WORD CHANGED THE PAGAN WORLD

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When handkerchiefs or aprons that had merely touched his skin were placed on sick people, they were healed of their diseases, and evil spirits were expelled. [Verse 12](#)

HOW GOD'S WORD CHANGED THE PAGAN WORLD

3 Competition

When But also some of the Jewish exorcists, who went from place to place, attempted to use the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had the evil spirits, saying, "I order you in the name of Jesus whom Paul preaches!"

Verse 13

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“I know Jesus, and I know Paul, but who are you?” **Verse 15**

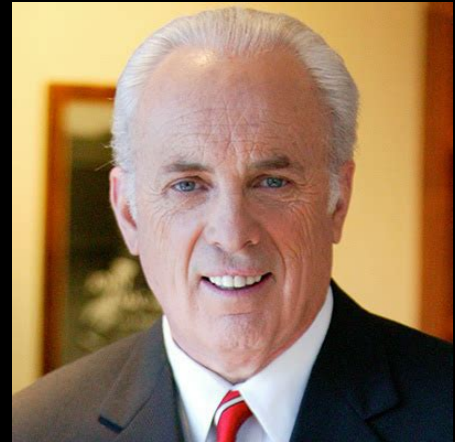
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3 Competition

“I know Jesus, . . .” **Verse 15**

Just then a man with an evil spirit came into the synagogue and screamed, ²⁴ “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? **Mark 1:23**

Pastor John MacArthur



"I ran into that situation with a demon possession and they knew me, which was interesting. You really don't think about that. But, all of a sudden, you recognize there's a whole group of spirits in another world that know you. I'm sure they're listening right now. Doesn't bother me a bit."

HOW GOD'S WORD CHANGED THE PAGAN WORLD

3 Competition

"I know Jesus, and I know Paul, but who are you?"

Verse 15

HOW GOD'S WORD CHANGED THE PAGAN WORLD

3 Competition

Then the man with the evil spirit leaped on them, overpowered them, and attacked them with such violence that they fled from the house, naked and battered.

Verse 16

HOW GOD'S WORD CHANGED THE PAGAN WORLD

4 Conviction

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Verse 17

HOW GOD'S WORD CHANGED THE PAGAN WORLD

4 Conviction

Many who became believers confessed
their sinful practices. **Verse 18**

HOW GOD'S WORD CHANGED THE PAGAN WORLD

4 Conviction

A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas.

Verse 19

HOW GOD'S WORD CHANGED THE PAGAN WORLD

5 Domination

So the message about the Lord spread widely
and had a powerful effect. **Verse 20**

HOW GOD'S WORD CHANGED THE PAGAN WORLD

5 Domination

So the word of the Lord was growing mightily and **prevailing**. vs. 20

Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not **prevail** against it. **Matthew 16:18**

WHO WERE WERE BEFORE CHRIST IN OUR LIFE

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. **Ephesians 2:1,2**

HOW SATAN RULES OVER US

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. **2 Corinthians 4:4**

HOW SATAN RULES OVER US

When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. **James 1:13,14**

CHRIST AUTHORITY OVER DEMONS

“For this purpose, the Son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil.” 1 John 3:8

CHRIST AUTHORITY OVER DEMONS

Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was. [Mark 1:34](#)

CHRIST AUTHORITY OVER DEMONS

Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Messiah. [Luke 4:44](#)

CHRIST AUTHORITY OVER DEMONS

It is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons. **Matthew 12:28**

CHRIST AUTHORITY OVER DEMONS

For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body.¹⁰ So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority. **Colossians 2:9,10**

CHRIST AUTHORITY OVER DEMONS

Because the One who is in you is greater
than the one who is in the world.

1 John 4:4



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