

Supernatural Signposts of the King's Power

1. King Jesus (*through Paul's Hand*) Casts Out Disease & Demons (11-12).

2. The Sceva Sons Try Their Hand at the Supernatural (13-16).

3. Converts to Christ Wanted Nothing to Do with Evil (17-20).

CONCLUSION: Jesus Christ is shown in this passage to be mighty to save. He faithfully rescues His people from all sin's cruelty, bondage, and death. He demonstrates that through the healings and exorcisms done through the hands of Paul. He also shows the utter powerlessness of counterfeit saviors through the embarrassing failure of the sons of Sceva. As a result of His power being displayed, His name is exalted and His people turn from sin no matter the cost. His Word continues to prevail mightily. Do you know this power? Are you faithfully following the King?

Luke 7: 18 – 23

¹⁸ The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹ calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ²⁰ And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” ²¹ In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²² And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

Jeremiah 9: 23 – 24

²³ Thus says the Lord: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, ²⁴ but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord.”

Matthew 5: 27 – 30

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

Taking Gathered Worship Home

Acts records the advancement of the Kingdom of God on earth. We see the power of God displayed in fulfilling His promises and the utter catastrophe of those who try in their own strength to do what only God can do. With His power so clearly demonstrated why would we trust in anyone else?!

Please use the devotional material below each day this week to praise Christ. Ask Jesus to teach us His ways that we may walk in them to accomplish His purposes.

Sunday Morning

READ **Acts 19:11-20; Luke 7:18-23; Jeremiah 9:23-24; Matthew 5:27-30**. DISCUSS, God has given us everything we need to trust Him. How does this passage challenge us to see God as He actually is? In what ways are you tempted to doubt His power? His goodness? In what ways are you tempted to look to other sources for power? PRAY “Lord Jesus, You alone are King. You alone have power to save. Teach us to trust You fully, entirely, and exclusively.”

Sunday Evening

Young Adults Fellowship at **6:00** pm. *Please come to FCCW's Library!*

Monday

READ **Acts 19:11-20; and 5:11-16; 7:36; 8:4-18**. DISCUSS, What do you notice in these passages? What patterns do you recognize? What role does the supernatural play? What are the results? How is Christ's power displayed? How is His name glorified? How are you responding to King Jesus' power being displayed in the gospel? MEDITATE on **Matthew 28:18**. PRAY “Lord, teach me to trust You and to submit to Your authority as King.”

Tuesday

READ **Acts 19:11-20; Luke 7:18-23; 11:20; Isaiah 35:1-6; 61:1-4**. DISCUSS: To what promises are Jesus' actions pointing? How does the healing of disease picture redemption? What is the significance of casting out demons? How does it point to the coming of the Kingdom? MEDITATE on **Matthew 28:18**. PRAY “Lord, forgive us for ways we continue to participate in things that go against You. Enlighten us to see clearly the difference between good and evil. Enliven our hearts to only desire what is good.”

Wednesday

READ **Acts 19:13-16; Hebrews 2:14-18; Jeremiah 9:23-24**. DISCUSS, How are you (we) like the sons of Sceva? Which are you more likely to trust: wisdom, might, or riches? How does their failure show us Christ's power? MEDITATE on **Matthew 28:18**. PRAY "King Jesus, thank You for letting me fall on my face at times so that I might see the idiocy of depending on me."

Thursday

READ **Acts 19:11-20; Matthew 5:27-30; 18:7-9; First John 2:15-17** DISCUSS, How far are you willing to go to avoid sin? Why do we mess around with things that destroy us and those whom we love? What do you need to repent from today? MEDITATE on **Matthew 28:18**. PRAY "Jesus, thank You for the grace of conviction of sin. Show us how we sin against You. Enable us to turn from it and back to You."

Friday

READ **Acts 19:1-10; Romans 8:12-17; First Peter 3:26-33; Colossians 2:6-12**. DISCUSS, How has God been teaching you from these passages this week? MEDITATE on **Matthew 28:18**. PRAY "Lord King, we worship Your name, Jesus, for You alone reign supreme. Thank You for loving us and building Your Church through us."

Saturday

PREPARE today for the worship service tomorrow. *Both live-stream & in-person services are available.*

READ **Acts 19:1-41**. Invite others to join you tomorrow for the *live-stream or in-person service*. Ask Jesus to help us to completely submit to His authority.

Matthew 28: 18

And Jesus came and said to them,
"All authority in heaven and on earth
has been given to me."