






The Exorcism at the Synagogue in Capernaum...Healings at Capernaum

Here's a full breakdown of the **Exorcism at the Synagogue in Capernaum** and the **Evening Healings at Capernaum**, drawn from:

-  **Matthew 8:14–17**
-  **Mark 1:21–34**
-  **Luke 4:31–41**





STRUCTURE & LOCATION OVERVIEW

Event	Passages	Location	Day/Time	Key Acts
Exorcism in Synagogue	 Mk 1:21–28,  Lk 4:31–37	Synagogue in Capernaum	Sabbath, during teaching	Jesus casts out demon from a man
Healings at Peter's House	 Mt 8:14–17,  Mk 1:29–34,  Lk 4:38–41	Peter's house in Capernaum	After synagogue, toward evening	Heals Peter's mother-in-law and many others






COMPARATIVE CHART: EXORCISM IN THE SYNAGOGUE

Feature	 Mark 1:21–28	 Luke 4:31–37
Location	Capernaum, synagogue	Same
Day	Sabbath	Same
Jesus' Action	Teaches with authority	Same
Audience Reaction	Amazed at His authority	Same
Demon-Possessed Man	Cries out: "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth?"	Same wording
Recognition by Demon	"Holy One of God"	Same
Jesus' Command	"Be silent! Come out of him!"	Same
Demon's Response	Convulsed the man, shrieked, and came out	Threw him down but did no harm
Public Response	All were amazed; word spread quickly	Amazed; report spread

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COMPARATIVE CHART: HEALINGS IN CAPERNAUM **(Peter's House)**

Feature	 Matthew 8:14–17	 Mark 1:29–34	 Luke 4:38–41
House Visited	Peter's house	Same	Same
Peter's Relation	Mentions "Peter's mother-in-law"	Same	Same
Illness	Fever	Same	"High fever"
Jesus' Healing Action	Touched her hand	Took her by the hand	Rebuked the fever
Result	She rose and served	Same	Same
Crowd Gathered	Not described	At sunset, whole town gathered	Same
People Healed	Many sick and demon-possessed	Same	Same
Demon Reaction	Not mentioned	Demons knew Him, but He silenced them	Same
OT Fulfillment?	Yes: Quotes Isaiah 53:4 ("He took our illnesses...")	No	No

CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE TWO EVENTS

Connection	Details
Chronological Flow	Both events occur on the same Sabbath day in Capernaum. Jesus teaches in the synagogue, casts out a demon, then immediately goes to Peter's house and heals.
Authority over Spiritual & Physical	The synagogue exorcism shows His authority over unclean spirits , while the healing of Peter's mother-in-law and others shows His authority over physical illness .
Demons Recognize Him	Both events feature demons declaring Jesus' identity as the Holy One or Son of God , but Jesus silences them.
Public Reaction	In both scenes, the people are amazed and word spreads quickly , establishing His fame early in His Galilean ministry.
Setting the Stage for Evening Healings	The dramatic deliverance in the synagogue likely stirred public attention , which leads to the flood of people at Peter's house later that day.
Sabbath & Sunset Connection	The healings of the crowd began after sunset , as Jews waited until the Sabbath ended to bring people (cf. Lk 4:40).

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THEOLOGICAL & NARRATIVE THEMES

Theme	Explanation
Messianic Identity Revealed by Demons	Ironically, the unclean spirits know who Jesus is before the crowds or disciples do—yet Jesus silences them, possibly to control the timing of His public revelation.
Sabbath Ministry	On the day of rest, Jesus is actively working —not breaking Sabbath law, but showing that healing and deliverance align with God’s intentions for Sabbath (restoration).
Jesus' Authority	Both over the seen (sickness) and unseen (demons), reinforcing His divine authority.
Compassionate Healing	Jesus personally tends to Peter’s mother-in-law and responds to individual need even in the midst of growing crowds.
Servant Response	Peter’s mother-in-law, once healed, immediately begins to serve —a subtle model of discipleship and gratitude.



CROSS-REFERENCES & INSIGHTS

Scripture	Connection
Isaiah 53:4	Quoted in  Matthew to connect Jesus' healings with the Suffering Servant prophecy.
Deuteronomy 18:15–19	The people recognized Jesus’ authority as unlike the scribes—possibly recalling Moses' prophecy of a coming prophet like him.
Leviticus 23:32	Explains why healings began after sunset —the Sabbath ends at sundown.
Mark 3:11 Luke 8:28	Later demons also identify Jesus correctly—He consistently silences them, keeping messianic secrecy .



VISUAL MAP: LOCATION OF EVENTS

- **Capernaum:** A major hub for Jesus' ministry
- **Synagogue:** Likely the one where ruins stand today
- **Peter’s House:** Likely adjacent to the synagogue (archaeological tradition places them close together)