

The God of Power

Acts 19:11-20

God does the extraordinary! (v. 11-12)

Even Luke notes how unusual these miracles are!

Not _____ ...

Not _____, so we should not expect or demand similar ...

Not _____ or promoted by Paul ...

Clearly attributable to God, who can _____!

Fake (or demonic) "exorcists" (magicians) saw what was happening and wanted in on it! (v. 13-14)

A culture that embraced 'magic' and the occult ...

Deceived people deceiving people ...

But they encounter an evil that's _____ and beyond their ability to "control". This evil spirit _____ them as _____. (v. 15-16)

The demon answers them: "Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?"

I can _____ in the _____ world, but there is no faking it in the _____ world.

Do I want a Jesus I can _____ or a Jesus who _____ and _____?

Do the demons of hell know my name?

Am I threat to the kingdom of darkness?

Does Satan have to "gameplan" for me?

The miracles and this encounter were **God-ordained** and **purposeful**. (v. 17-20)

To _____ God's _____ in salvation

To _____ the Apostle Paul as God's messenger and the _____ as God's message

To _____ the emptiness and _____ of godless "spirituality"

To _____ the _____ of the enemy

To _____ the name and person of _____

To _____ and _____ believers who truly _____

To _____ and _____ the life-giving, delivering, healing power of the _____ of God

Epilogue – A few questions (and answers) for us today

Does God still _____?

Are demons _____?

Should we be _____?

How should we _____ in light of the evil around us?