

## **In His Name**

**Text:** Mark 9:38-41

**Context** - After failing to cast out demons in Mark 9:14-29, the disciples now encounter someone who was not in their group who is casting out demons in the name of Jesus.

### **In the name of Christ...**

#### **1. \_\_\_\_\_ out the darkness (vs. 30-31)**

- A. It is ironic that the disciples told this man to stop driving out demons when they had failed at the same task (vv. 14–29).
- B. This exorcist was not officially aligned with the disciples, but he was able to cast out demons in the name of Jesus. It is only the name of Jesus that has the authority over the darkness.

#### **2. \_\_\_\_\_ at peace with other believers (vs. 31)**

- A. “When in the name of Jesus—in harmony with his revealed will—a person performs a mighty work, he will, of course, speak well—not ill—of the One whom he acknowledges as the real Author of this miracle.” (William Hendrickson)
- B. Jesus also said, in effect, “If someone is shooting at the enemy, by all means—let him! If someone gives aid or comfort to us on the field of battle, consider him an ally.” (Charles Swindoll)

#### **3. \_\_\_\_\_ the reward of Christian love (vs. 32)**

- A. Jesus considered acts of kindness done to His followers to have been done to Him (cf. Matt. 25:37–40). (John MacArthur)
- B. God notices the smallest of deeds, and the giving of water to those who proclaim the gospel will be rewarded by God himself. (ESV Study Bible)