

**The encounter**

- An almost inconsequential miracle
- A challenge to Jesus' authority
- Jesus' defence

**Two allegorical stories**

- The allegory of the strong man who must be overcome
- The allegory of the wandering spirit who must be protected against
- The assurance of the gospel against either (John 14:16—18, 25-27).

**What's the point?**

- Who is most vulnerable here?  
*A warning against complacency*
- Who do you see Jesus to be?
- What is the "protection" that Jesus offers?
- How do we hear God well in this?