

Title The Significance of Jesus' Exorcisms in The Synoptic Gospels  
and Communication Method for the Children at Chiang Mai  
House of Blessing

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#### ABSTRACT

The belief in spirits has existed in Thai society for a long time. This belief has influenced the attitude about "Phii" among Thai Christians in so many ways. This thesis is an attempt to study the significance of Jesus' exorcisms in the Synoptic Gospels and look for a communication method to help the children at Chiang Mai House of Blessing to have the correct attitude based on Biblical study, but suitable for their context.

This study consists of seven chapters. The first chapter is intended to explain the background, purpose, and scope of the study of this thesis.

Chapter two reviews the study of the historical Jesus and the related research about Jesus' exorcism in the Synoptic Gospels. This chapter also examines the approaches to use for critical study of the Synoptic Gospels. It also discusses related theses and research about "Phii" and spiritual beliefs in the Thai context.

Chapter three is the study of Jesus' exorcisms in the Synoptic Gospels. This chapter aims to understand the purposes of using the exorcism of Jesus by the gospel writers. A comparative study is applied to search for the theological aspects behind the text and from each of the exorcism stories in the gospels.

Chapter four is a summary of the significance of Jesus' exorcisms in the Synoptic Gospels from the response and reaction of the eye witnesses. This chapter points out that the exorcisms of Jesus have revealed the real Kingdom, real enemy, and real battle of God. Moreover the exorcisms also help us to understand that Jesus has given authority for us to defeat the evil spirits.

Chapter five explains the research methodology. The field research in this thesis uses the method of qualitative research, focus group discussions, interviews, and observations are conducted to collect data from the sample group. The data are analyzed by the descriptive and inductive methods.

Chapter six shows the results of the study. This chapter indicates the two main social influences that have impact with case studies and the communication methods that will help Chiang Mai House of Blessing to give the children better understanding about "Phii".

Chapter seven gives a brief conclusion of the study and discussion of this topic. In addition, suggestions and recommendations for future research in this topic are presented.