

Luke 4:31-44

As we saw last week, Jesus went to his hometown, to his home-synagogue and preached his first sermon as recorded in Luke. He was promptly rejected, and that is to put it lightly. We left Him passing safely through an angry crowd and going on His way.

We find out in our text today where He went and what He did.

READ/PRAY

We see three things very clearly in this passage of Scripture that will help us as we seek to know Christ more as we walk through Luke's gospel.

## **I. Jesus' Preaching v31-32**

**31** *And He came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and He was teaching them on the Sabbath; 32 and **they were amazed** at His teaching, for His message was with authority.*

His message was with authority

1. Luke 4:17-21
2. He sat down to teach.
  - a. Most teachers read the text and spent virtually the entire time quoting different Rabbis
  - b. Jesus didn't quote anyone. He spoke with authority!
3. We can preach today with authority as we rely on the authority of God's Word.
4. *The preacher must put himself out of the way and let God's Word speak through him unhindered. No matter what his training, experience, or personal abilities, he has spiritual authority only to the extent that what he says conforms to God's Word. But as with Jesus' own teaching, when a minister of God does faithfully proclaim that Word, those who reject his teaching reject God's truth and are as much accountable for their rejection as if the Lord had spoken the truth with His own lips. It is in that way, and only in that way, that a pastor is able to speak with spiritual authority. It is also in that way that he is commanded to speak with spiritual authority.* MacArthur

## **II. Jesus' Power v33-41**

### **A. Over Demons v33-37**

**33** *In the synagogue there was a man possessed by the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, 34 "Let us alone! What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are--the Holy One of God!" 35 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in the midst of the people, he came out of him without doing him any harm.*

1. Luke 8:26-37
  - a. Demons know who He is...yet the most religious did not.
  - b. John 1:26-27 *John answered them saying, "I baptize in water, but among you stands One whom you do not know. 27 It is He who comes after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie."*
2. Jesus rebukes the demon...He is clearly in authority!

**36** *And amazement* came upon them all, and they began talking with one another saying, “What is this message? For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits and they come out.” **37** *And the report about Him was spreading into every locality in the surrounding district.*

### B. Over Disease v38-39

**38** *Then He got up and left the synagogue, and entered Simon’s home. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Him to help her. 39* *And standing over her, He rebuked the fever, and it left her; and she immediately got up and waited on them.*

1. He was in full authority over the body
  - a. We see Him heal the lame feet
  - b. He healed the paralyzed back
  - c. He healed the withered hand
  - d. He healed the mute mouth
  - e. He healed deaf ears
  - f. He healed blind eyes
  - g. He healed a high fever.
2. Not just a fever, but a high fever...as a doctor, he would note that wouldn’t he?
3. Jesus rebuked the fever...and it left!

Word of His power spread rapidly, did it not? v40-41

**40** *While the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and laying His hands on each one of them, He was healing them. 41* *Demons also were coming out of many, shouting, “You are the Son of God!” But rebuking them, He would not allow them to speak, because they knew Him to be the Christ.*

### III. Jesus’ Purpose v42-44

**42** *When day came,*

1. Now notice that the day began in the synagogue.
2. After casting a demon out in a very public way, he retreats to the home of Peter.
3. He heals Peter’s mother-in-law of her fever and, as the sun is setting, while everyone should be winding down, he is flooded with people who have various diseases and numerous demons
4. And we get the impression that He had been at intense ministry all day and all night, because we come to verse 42 and see that a new day has dawned.

We get some insight into His purpose as we see this series of events.

**42** *When day came, Jesus left and went to a secluded place; and the crowds were searching for Him, and came to Him and **tried to keep Him** from going away from them. 43* *But He said to them, “I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose.” 44* *So He kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea*

1. He has come to preach to the poor, set captives free, give sight to the physically and spiritually blind, and to proclaim the year of the Lord!
2. But he was not just for the people of Galilee.
3. His purpose was to proclaim the Kingdom to more and more cities.

This is the purpose He has left us with as well...proclaiming the Kingdom to more and more cities, nations, people, tribes and tongues.

1. Matthew 28:18-19 *And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations*

2. We need to join Him in what He is still doing!

3. That is why we have our 5 tiered missions approach.

- a. Local: Who's Your One process leading up to Easter with BYBC in neighborhoods
- b. North America: NYC April 1-4 and October...Sudanese ministry in July
- c. Germany: July/August and December
- d. North Africa: Ladies March 2-10 and men in September
- e. Southeast Asia: Late June early July
- f. UUPG still to hear!!!

Do you understand that we have the opportunity to join Jesus in His purpose?

1. Go!
2. Send: Prayer and giving
3. Or Disobey!!

As we consider this text....

1. We learn that Jesus Preached with Authority
2. We learn that He worked with Power
3. And He lived with purpose.

Don't you want to join Him? First step is salvation: GOSPEL