

Luke 4 pt 4

Luke 4:31-44

³¹ Then He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbaths. ³² And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority.

³³ Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴ saying, "Let *us* alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did 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 in *their* midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him. ³⁶ Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, "What a word this *is!* For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out." ³⁷ And the report about Him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

³⁸ Now He arose from the synagogue and entered Simon's house. But Simon's wife's mother was sick with a high fever, and they made request of Him concerning her. ³⁹ So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them.

⁴⁰ When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹ And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of God!"

And He, rebuking *them*, did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ.

⁴² Now when it was day, He departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowd sought Him and came to Him, and tried to keep Him from leaving them; ⁴³ but He said to them, "**I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent.**" ⁴⁴ And He was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.

1. After overcoming in the wilderness, Jesus went to Nazareth

2. He taught and explained the scriptures
3. People were happy to hear Him and missed the point of His message
 - a. He expounds and gives them 2 examples of gentiles receiving grace
 - i. They want to throw Him over the cliff
 - b. Jesus goes to Capernaum which becomes headquarters for His Galilean ministry
 - c. Capernaum = Village of Nahum (Comfort)
 - d. He teaches them in the synagogue
 - e. Teaching was a priority of Jesus' ministry**
 - i. He wants people to know & live in the truth
 - ii. I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go
 - f. Jairus is the ruler of that synagogue

4. **In this passage, Luke highlights His authority**

- I. Authority over demons**
- II. Authority over disease**
- III. Authority over derailment**

I. Authority over demons (Spiritual)

1. **This is the typical Sabbath day for Jesus**
 - a. **Teaching, healing, delivering people**

2. They were astonished at His teaching because He taught with authority, not as the scribes

a. Jesus taught with **authority** because He *had authority*.

iii. **Matt 28:18** "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth..."

b. Jesus taught with **authority** because He lived His message and walked in obedience

Kent Hughes: Christ's sermons were like thunder, because His life was like lightning'. For Christ, words and works went together - and that is what gave His life authority. ...

3. A man with an unclean spirit was in the synagogue

a. How can a demon possessed person enter the church assembly?

b. The man may have been there for weeks, months, years undetected

c. The devil has no issue with people going to church

i. As long as Jesus is not there

d. As long as the Son of God is not present, the devil wants people to get religious

ii. It causes people to feel better about themselves

1. As long as it's a ceremony of religious duties

4. Having just enough truth can inoculate people from the whole truth

5. When the demons saw Jesus, they cried out

- a. What have we to do with you, Jesus of Nazareth?
 - iii. Did you come to destroy us?
 - iv. I know who you are - The Holy One of God

6. The devil and his demons know that Jesus is the final authority and will judge them

- a. Their time here is limited and will all end up in hell

7. They know Him because He created everything including the angels in heaven

- a. He spoke all of the angels into existence
 - a. He placed Michael, Gabriel & Lucifer as the archangels
 - i. 1/3 fell when Lucifer fell

- b. Now they cause chaos and confusion to distract people

- b. **1 John 3:8** The Son of Man appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil

8. Jesus does not converse with the evil spirits. He commanded them, "be quiet and come out of him"

- a. "Shut your mouth and come out of him at once" (Wuest)
- b. Jesus demonstrates authority in setting the oppressed free (Is 61)
- c. That means any demon, sin, darkness, wickedness in life must bow the knee to Jesus
 - a. Some time ago, we were at a youth meeting and a young lady began to manifest
 - b. Jesus set her free

- d. Perhaps you find yourself in spiritual need today. You have done all you know to do, but there is some controlling sin, something you

cannot overcome, some addiction, something that plagues your spirit.

- a. Jesus has authority to help you in your spiritual need.
 - b. You need only to ask Him to rescue you.
- e. There may be some who have lost control in some area of your life, and you feel that something else controls you in that area.
- f. Jesus overcomes the works of the devil.
- a. Confess and repent of your sin;
 - b. **forgive those who have hurt you;**
 - c. Command the spirit to leave you in Jesus' Name.
 - d. If you are in Christ, you have His authority to do that.
(**Brooks**)

g. That same authority, Jesus uses through the church

- a. **Acts 8:4** Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word. 5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. 6 And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. 7 For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. 8 And there was great joy in that city.
9. And the report about Him went out into every place in the surrounding region
- a. Natural evangelism occurs when the Lord appears in power

II. Authority over disease (Physical need)

1. Jesus leaves the synagogue and enters Peter's house

2. Peter's mother in law is sick with a high fever
3. They made a request of Him concerning her and He stood over her and rebuked the fever and it left her

a. Sickness and disease does not come from God

- b. Every sickness and disease must bow it's knee at the name of Jesus
- c. When people pray in faith
 - i. Or when people pray for others, we have promises in the Bible regarding healing
- d. **Psalm 107:20** He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.
- e. **Mark 6:56** Wherever He entered, into villages, cities, or the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged Him that they might just touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched Him were made well.
- f. **Matthew 9:35** Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.
- g. **Hebrews 13:8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
- h. He has authority over all of it
- i. Whether it was a fever, leprosy, blindness or death, Jesus has authority over all of it

- j. There is no condition that you face today too difficult for God
- k. He continued with the disciples & He's still doing it today
- l. **Acts 19:11** Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul,¹² so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them
- m. We've seen people healed of Cancer, aids, aneurisms, heart conditions
 - i. God is the same...

4. She immediately got up to serve

5. The word spreads and people bring others to Jesus for healing and deliverance and He healed them

III. Authority over derailment (focus on the mission)

1. When it was day, He departed and went into a deserted place
 - a. He's there to pray
 - b. One of the key factors in the life of Jesus is He often spent time alone in prayer
 - c. How was He so able to handle the pressure of ministry? Prayer
 - d. How did He manage to get so much done in such little time? Prayer
 - e. How was He never anxious or in a hurry? Prayer
 - f. How did He know where to go next? Prayer

i. He always yielded to the Father

2. Crowd sought Him and tried to keep Him from leaving

a. I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent

b. He preached in the synagogues of Galilee

c. People tried to keep Him but He won't get derailed

i. He knows what's priority

ii. Although He loves these people, others need the gospel

iii. His heart is that everyone hears the good news

3. There is much noise around us to get us off track from the mission God has for each of us

a. Busyness

b. Obligations

c. Requests from others

d. Prayer will help keep us on track and not get derailed by the pressures of life