

“The Authority of Jesus”

Luke 4:31-44

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I. Introduction

- A. Today in our study of the life of Christ, Dr. Luke moves from the synagogue at Nazareth to the synagogue at Capernaum.
 - 1. Jesus is now fully engaged in His public ministry, which began in Galilee and was headquartered in Capernaum
- B. In our text today, we have “a day in the life of Jesus”
 - 1. We get to spend a day with Jesus
 - 2. It is also recorded by Mark 1:21-39
 - 3. The theme is “The authority of Jesus”
 - 4. We see His authority in three areas:
 - a) His authority on His doctrine
 - b) His authority over demons
 - c) His authority over disease

II. Christ’s Authority in His Doctrine (Luke 4:31-32)

- A. Jesus’ teaching was with power and authority
 - 1. “And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes” (Mark 1:22).
 - 2. Why were they astonished?
 - a) He spoke the truth (John 14:6)
 - b) He spoke in parables
 - c) He spoke with authority (not as the scribes)
 - 1) Illustration- “Thou shalt not kill” (Matthew 5) and “thou shalt not commit adultery”
 - d) Jesus expounded the Scripture
- B. We need authoritative preaching and teaching today
 - 1. “Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine” (1 Timothy 4:13).
 - 2. “Preach the Word” (2 Timothy 4:2)

III. His Authority Over Demons (Luke 4:33-37)

- A. There are two dangers concerning demons
- B. What does the Bible say about demons?
- C. A Christian cannot be demon-possessed
- D. Demons are not named
 - 1. “Lust, anger, hate”
 - 2. An unclean demon (v. 33)
 - 3. Unclean spirits (v. 36)
 - 4. “Spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it” (Colossians 2:15).

IV. His Authority Over Disease (Luke 4:38-40)

- A. Peter had a wife (v. 38)
- B. Jesus' pattern for His healing ministry (v. 38-44)
 - 1. Jesus healed with His Word (v. 39)
 - 2. Jesus healed with His touch (v. 40)
 - 3. Jesus healed instantly (v. 39)
 - 4. Jesus healed totally (v. 39)
 - 5. Jesus healed everyone (v. 40)
 - 6. Jesus healed undeniably
 - 7. Jesus raised the dead
 - 8. Does Jesus still heal? Yes!
 - a) It is not guaranteed in the atonement (Isaiah 53:5)
 - b) It's not about your faith
 - c) One day, we will get new bodies (2 Corinthians 5)
 - 9. Jesus prayed (v. 42)
 - a) So we must
 - 10. Jesus preached (vv. 43-44)

V. Conclusion

- A. Jesus taught the truth
- B. Jesus confronted evil
- C. Jesus showed compassion
- D. Jesus renewed His strength
 - 1. Time alone for prayer
- E. Jesus is the King. He has all the power and authority
 - 1. Have you submitted to His authority?
 - 2. Jesus alone has the power to forgive sin
 - 3. The power of the cross