

Sermon: The Authority and Power of Jesus.
Series: Luke: The Gospel for Everyone.

Scripture: Luke 4:31-44.
Date: March 17, 2024

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

a) In what ways do you struggle with submitting to authority? In what ways do you struggle in submitting to Christ's authority over every area of your life? (Also think about how receptive you are to God's word)

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

a) How do the teachings, exorcisms, and healings of Jesus demonstrate his divine authority?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) Read verse 43 again. Why was preaching the good news Jesus' priority even over healing and casting out demons? What implications does this have for us as a church?

b) Jesus' miracles did not show the extent of his power, but rather the redemptive purpose of his power. With this in mind, how do these miracles of Jesus point to our deeper spiritual need? How do they point toward our future home with Christ in Heaven (or the New Earth)?

APPLICATION

a) In this passage Jesus is doing both word ministry (preaching the good news) and deed ministry (healing, casting out demons). How might you, like Jesus, combine both words and deeds in your ministry at home, church, community?

b) As you think about the authority of Christ, in what area of your life do you struggle to submit to him? What might you have to give up in order to fully trust Jesus in that area?

PRAYER

- Praise God for his power over all evil in this world.
- Confess ways that you failed to recognize the authority of Christ over every area of your life.
- Thank Jesus for the greatest miracle of all – salvation through his death and resurrection.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to submit to Christ's authority while sharing the good news in word and deed.