

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 4:31-44

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

"WHEN JESUS COMES NEAR"

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

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It Was True Then, And It's True Today

And That is, - - The Very Person and Work of Jesus Christ causes people to get excited!

That Excitement Can Either Be a Positive or a Negative

(The Issue Isn't Miracles, It was Belief)

John 21:25

And there are also **many other things that Jesus did**, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

Mark 7:37

And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Luke 4:31-32

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Luke 4:33-37

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 manner of teaching is this! 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.

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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 and 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 people, crying out and saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of God!" And He, rebuking them, and did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ.

Luke 4:42-44

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.

"The Geography" _____

Jesus had been working miracles across Israel and great crowds had formed and many were now following Jesus.

No Doubt, Like Any Crowd,

People had Their Reasons for Following Jesus Christ

Previously, Jesus had Returned Home to Nazareth.

Nazareth was/is located in the hill country of central Israel and is at an elevation of just over 1,200 fsl.

WHEN JESUS COMES NEAR

I.) He brings in illumination

v.31-32

*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.*

The Bible Demands that Man Become Educated to some degree or another.

God is Anti-Ignorance

Throughout History

Wherever This Bible is Revered and the God of the Bible is Honored, the greatest and most educated cultures and advances have come forth.

He brings in illumination

a.) teaching them about themselves v.31

Then He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbath(s).

Capernaum was a very important lakeside village. the trade routes came near it connecting Damascus with Jerusalem and the Mediterranean Seacoast to East.

The Galilean Valley is One of the Most Fertile Locations on Earth for Growing Produce. 720 below sea-level, the growing seasons never stop.

"He's going down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee"

By Jesus Doing This

he was living out one of the indicators of his messiahship

Isaiah 9:1b-2

By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, In Galilee of the Gentiles.
The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the
land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined.

His Coming Would Bring "Light", and Life to "All"
Who Would Listen

teaching them about themselves

Matthew 4:13-18

And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, :14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: :15 *"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: :16 The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned."* :17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." :18 And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. :19 Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." :20 They immediately left *their* nets and followed Him.

and He was teaching them on the Sabbath(s).

Greek = "teaching" didachē skw didasko

Verse by Verse with Application
He Taught Them Bible, Then Gave "Contemporary" Illustrations

teaching them about themselves

b.) teaching them about God v.32

And they were astonished at His teaching, (didachē/ didache - instructions)

for His word was with authority.

This Is Jesus Christ, The Creator of Mankind.
Because He is Our Creator God

He has full right to address His creation. He alone has full authority to direct and redirect as He Desires.

And they were astonished (to strike or to slap yourself) at His teaching

Hebrews 1:1-2

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, :2 has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds = comos(s)

John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. :2 He was in the beginning with God. :3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

Colossians 1:14-16

in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. :15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. :16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

"When Jesus Taught the People, His Message, His Ministry was so clear and His passion for truth so bold, that His audience could not sit and be indifferent to His Gospel."

c.) *teaching them about reason v.31b-32*

...and was teaching them on the Sabbaths.

:32 And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority.

This "With Authority" Means;
He Gave "First Hand Arguments" as to Why

Greek = Authority;

He possessed the capacity, competency, mastery.

He communicated jurisdiction, owning the right

to say what He was saying

He Gave Them Reasons for Faith.

All of Us Exercise Faith in Something or Someone

In His Teaching,
He Challenged Their "Faith-Based" Existence

if you're **trusting** in God, then you're looking to Him to
conduct your life.

if you're **depending** upon people, then your life is
fragile

if you're **looking** to your influence, it will fade

Jesus Gave Them "The Real Reasons" for Life and Living

when you remove Jesus Christ from Life's Equation,
you have nothing left but confusion and emptiness.

1 Peter 3:15

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

WHEN JESUS COMES NEAR

II.) He exposes the darkness

v.33-37

a.) by His testimony v.33-34

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!"

I'm Both Encouraged by This and Convicted at The Same Time;

And Here's Why!

On the Encouraging Side;

Note, Please, The Satanic, Demonic Realm of Spiritual Powers are completely subject to Jesus Christ !

Jesus Christ was So Devoted to Doing His Father's Will,
That His Holiness, His Power, His Ministry Shook The Gates of Hell Itself.

NOTICE THIS:

Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon.

(notice the location)

*And he cried out with a loud voice, :34 saying, "Let us alone!
(he interrupts Jesus by saying "leave us alone")*

(There's no Record of Jesus Bothering These Demons)

On the Convicting Side;

If We're Going to Really Effect, We've got to be Spirit-Filled, We've Got to be Full of the Word of God,
We've Got to be in That Place of Ministry

*The 21st Century Church is to Obsessed with Bigger Buildings,
Bigger Budgets, Bigger This, Bigger That...*

"Get People in at Any Cost"

sound like the world, look like the world, feel like the world

have you ever seen someone trying to get inside a coffin?

The Guy Looks Fine, He's All Dressed Up, He Looks Alive,

a church without the Holy bible, and Holy worship
is a church without the Holy Spirit! - You'd be Safer in
Coffin !

2 Timothy 3:5

having a form of godliness but denying its power.
And from such people turn away!

Over and Over Again We Read

that Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit and that ministered in the power of
the Holy Spirit

Luke 4:1

Then Jesus, being **filled with the Holy Spirit**,

Luke 4:14

Then Jesus returned in **The power of the Holy Spirit**

Verse 34

Listen to What These Demons Said.... *We Know who are, You're Jesus of Nazareth" Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!" = Messiah!*

That's amazing to me. The demons knew all about Jesus Christ. but the humans in Nazareth sent Him away in their unbelief.

James 2:19

You believe that there is one God. You do well.
Even the demons believe—and tremble!

tremble

*fri÷ssw phrisso, fris´-so; to "bristle" up with terror, to run cold,
to shudder because of fear*

b.) by His authority v.35

: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

Be quiet (Now Be Muzzled), and come out of him (Get Out)

c.) by His word v.36-37

Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, "What manner of teaching is this! 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.

The Power of the Word of God
In The Hands of The Power of the Holy Spirit
Using a Willing Vessel, *and you've got some serious ministry on hand!*

I Can Say - That I've Encountered, I've Seen Demon Possessed People, and this one thing is certain, you had better have the Bible in your heart.

Ephesians 6:10-16

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. :11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. :12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. :13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. :14 ¶ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, :15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; :16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. :17 And take the helmet of salvation, **and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;**

WHEN JESUS COMES NEAR

III.) He responds to the need v.38-41

a.) He responds personally v.38-39

Now He arose from the synagogue and entered Simon's house. But Simon's wife's mother (Peter's Mother In Law) 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.

b.) He responds publicly v.40

*various diseases they brought to Him;
and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.*

c.) He responds infinitely v.41

And demons also came out of many people, 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.

Notice Here;

The Gospel of Luke is Written by Dr. Luke, M.D.

even though he uses medical terms in this gospel,
he is very clear about demonic possession.

The Ancient World Knew Something that We Do Not Know,
we refuse to know, we don't wanna know...

There is a spiritual realm that exists and it's the essence of dark
and evil.

**Our Culture is So Spiritually Ignorant
That We Play With Spiritual Darkness!**

palm readers / Ouija boards / certain music / places / people
On T.V. - There's that Demonic Channeler Edwards

WHEN JESUS COMES NEAR

IV.) He never leaves people the same v.42-44

a.) Because He brings heaven down v.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;

This Had to Be a Comfort to Jesus.
He had Both Preached, and Taught, and Healed...

and they still wanted Him near them!

because of this, Capernaum will become Jesus' Ministry Headquarters for the remainder of His earthly ministry.

How Could He Leave Them? and What About Their Request?

The Kingdom of God is not a Geographical Location

(The Kingdom of God is an All Together, Different Realm and Reality)

Luke 17:20-21

Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; :21 nor will they say, "See here!" or "See there!" For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."

b.) Because He desires all to hear v.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."

"I must preach the kingdom

Church Notice This;

- It's Not "I must hold healing crusades"
 - it's not "I must host telethons"
- I must "get you to do the next thing"

His Preaching is Different from His Teaching

His preaching, invited people to enter in. His teaching, educates those who had entered.

Matthew 12:28

But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God,
surely **the kingdom of God has come upon you.**

Mark 1:15

and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and **the kingdom of God is at hand.**
Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Luke 10:10-11

But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, :11 "The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that **the kingdom of God has come near you.'**

What Did He Mean When He Said?

because for this purpose I have been sent."

the salvation and redemption of mankind
is predicated upon miracles, it's based upon your reception of the Gospel.

"miracles" backup the "message"

Mark 16:17

And these signs will follow those who believe:

(Not the Other Way Around)

<< These who believe will follow after signs >>

c.) Because He invites us all v.44

*And He was preaching
in the synagogue(s) of Galilee.*

preaching khru/ssw kerusso, kay-roos'-so;
to herald, to call out, to cry. to be a public crier of divine truth

**Only Jesus Christ,
because He alone is the Crier =The Preacher !**

**Jesus was Busy
"Inviting People to Heaven"**

**IF JESUS WERE TO COME NEAR TO YOU
HOW WOULD HE BE TREATED BY US?
WHAT WOULD HE HEAR FROM US?
WHAT WOULD HE FIND HIDDEN?**

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