

Kingdom Authority

PASTOR ZAC HESS • LUKE 4:31-44



And He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And He was teaching them on the Sabbath,

Luke 4:31

and they were astonished at His teaching, for His word possessed authority.

Luke 4:32

And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice,

Luke 4:33

“Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God.”

Luke 4:34

But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm.

And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!”

And reports about Him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

Luke 4:37

And He arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to Him on her behalf.

Luke 4:38

*And He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her,
and immediately she rose and began to serve them.*

Luke 4:39

Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to Him, and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.

Luke 4:40

And demons also came out of many, crying, “You are the Son of God!” But He rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that He was the Christ.

And when it was day, He departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought Him and came to Him, and would have kept Him from leaving them,

but He said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.”

Luke 4:43

And He was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

Luke 4:44

Jesus exercises authority in
His teaching. (4:31,32)



**Our Lord taught the Old Testament like it was
His autobiography.**

Thabiti Anyabwile

And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at His teaching, for He was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

Matthew 7:28,29

Jesus exercises authority over
evil spirits. (4:33–37, 41)



Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood,

*but against the cosmic powers over this present darkness,
against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*

Ephesians 6:11

And even if our Gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.

2 Corinthians 4:3

In their case, the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

2 Corinthians 4:5

For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6

Jesus exercises authority
over disease. (4:38–40)



Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

Psalm 20:7

Jesus proclaims the good news
of the Kingdom. (4:42-44)



The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me because He has anointed Me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim liberty to the captives

and recovering of sight to the blind to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

Isaiah 61:1,2a

It's certainly true that Jesus healed the sick and gave sight to the blind (as pointers to His deity, signs of the Kingdom's inbreaking, and expressions of His compassion).

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The mission statement in Luke 4 highlights the announcement of good news. Luke 4 sets the tone for the mission of the Church, the center of the Church's mission should be the preaching of the gospel.

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We care about all human suffering, especially eternal suffering.

John Piper

Jesus in all authority proclaims
the Kingdom to all humanity.

