

Luke 4:31-44

LW – Easter Service at Tuachan – PTL!!!

2W – Jesus teaching/Synagogue/Nazareth; Fulfillment Isa 61:1-2a; Attempted/Throw/Cliff

V31

1. Nazareth to Capernaum (Map) (20 Miles) Matt 9:1 “... came to His own city.”

A – Spent most of his time here - Jesus will only stick around where he is welcomed

* Lives that have Jesus in/around them – amazing to see, ones that don't V23-27

2. Pictures from Israel 2011

3. Teaching/Synagogue/Sabbath – Jesus was always teaching – 4:15, 4:16-21; here

V32 – Astonished at His teaching – His word was w/authority

1 Thes 1:5 ⁵For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance...

A – Are you astonished with the Word of God!?

V33-34

1. Man w/unclean spirit in the synagogue!!! PTL!!!

2. Spirit of an unclean demon – Cried out w/loud voice

3. Let us alone... What have we to do w/You... Come to destroy us? – Know who You are – the holy One of God –

* Demon recognizes/knows Jesus! Recognize His power/Their powerless/his presence!

* Are demons real – Bible says yes!

A – Real today? If so, what do we do?

Ephesians 6:10-13 ¹⁰Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For 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.

¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

4. V35 – Jesus said come out – demon came out!

Jude 9 ⁹Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!”

A – The only power and authority needed to deal w/demons – Name of Jesus!

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* Amazed – What word is this? With authority & power He commands unclean spirits

A – When is the last time you were amazed at seeing the authority & power of the Lord!

V38-39

* Pictures from 2011

* In Mt/Mk/Lk – Only Luke uses the adjective **great**, reflecting his medical interest.(Col 4:14)

* Jesus' power & authority over the physical

* Immediately she arose and served them – like all good Godly mother-in-laws should do!

V40-41

* Remember Lk 4:16-19 – Now doing in Capernaum what Offered in Nazareth!

* Laid hands on everyone of them and healed them...Jesus had time for Everyone of them!!!

V42-44

* Mk 1:35 says he went there to pray!

* They tried to keep Him – He said – I must preach ‘the kingdom of God’ to other cities for this purpose I have been sent...

Mark 1:14-15 ¹⁴Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

Luke 11:20 ²⁰But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.

* Taught Parable after Parable about the kingdom of God, BUT...

* The kingdom of God He came to tell them about-was contrary to what they wanted to hear!

* They wanted a king to overthrow the Romans, fix political, economic, social issues!!!

* They rejected Jesus to the point of Saying ‘We have no king but Caesar!’

Matthew 21:43 ⁴³“Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it.

A – WE must not try to keep Him – We must go and preach the gospel!!!

Conclusion

* So, the kingdom of God comes to us today...The kingdom of God is preached here today...

1. Some will reject/Nazareth – Some will cry out - Let us alone!

2. Some will come to be touched/healed/made whole/receive peace in place of turmoil...

John 3:3 ³Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

John 3:5 ⁵Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

John 8:34-36 ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. ³⁵And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever.

³⁶Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.