

Luke Chapter 4 Second Continued

In the last lesson, we saw Jesus telling these people that He was the fulfillment of the Scripture in Isaiah. They did not believe Jesus. They still believe He is Joseph's son.

Luke 4:29 "And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong."

Throughout the Bible, people who were thought to be false prophets were taken to a high hill outside the city and thrown off to kill them.

We discussed how Jesus was so well known that they could not believe He was Messiah, because He grew up around them and was known as Joseph's son.

Luke 4:30 "But he passing through the midst of them went his way,"

“Passing through the midst”: The implication is that this was a miraculous escape, the first of several similar incidents in which He escaped a premature death at the hands of a mob (John 7:30; 8:59; 10:39).

You see, no one could hold Jesus if He didn't want them to. He disappeared right in the middle of them. Probably, He just blinded their eyes and walked right past them.

Luke 4:31 "And came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the sabbath days."

Capernaum is where Peter lived. It was on the banks of the Sea of Galilee. Much of Jesus' ministry took place right here on the edge of the Sea of Galilee. The people at Capernaum were not very receptive of Jesus. They were very well acquainted with Jesus. They never did accept Him as Messiah. Of course, a handful of people recognized Him, but the majority did not.

Luke 4:32 "And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power."

The scribes quoted others to establish the authority of their teachings; Jesus was His own authority (Matt. 28:18). This matter of authority was a major issue between Jesus and the Jews, who felt their authority challenged.

The outstanding feature of His teaching was His “authority,” meaning the divine approval and authoritative constraint with which He delivered His message.

The astonishment, as we said, was because they thought of Him as the carpenter's son. His word was powerful. You see, Jesus is the Word (John 1:1).

Luke 4:33 "And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice,"

All the cases of demonization dealt with by Christ involved the actual indwelling of demons who utterly controlled the bodies of their victims, even to the point of speaking through them (Mark 5:5-9). Causing derangement (John 10-20), violence (Luke 8:29), or rendering them mute (Mark 9:17-22).

Demonic spirits cannot stand to be in a holy place, this is why this spirit cried out. These evil spirits can dwell in a man.

Luke 4:34 "Saying, Let [us] alone; what have we to do with thee, [thou] Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God."

“Holy One of God”: Demons always recognized Christ immediately (verses 41; 8:28; Matt. 8:29; Mark 1:24; 3:11; 5:7).

You see, these demons recognize Jesus because they lived in heaven with Him before they followed Lucifer. They had been angels in heaven, and when they chose to follow Lucifer, they became demons.

Jesus was the Word of God in heaven. They know that they will be thrown into the lake of fire because of their decision to follow Lucifer. They also know that Jesus is the Judge of the world, and He is the one who will send them there. They know He will destroy them. They do not know when. That is why they say. "art thou come to destroy us?"

Revelation 12:9 "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceive the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

Luke 4:35 "And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not."

Jesus spoke directly to this unclean spirit. This demon had to come out of the man, because it had to obey Jesus' command. This demon, in one last effort to destroy the man, cast him to the ground; but Jesus does not allow him to hurt him.

Luke 4:36 "And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word [is] this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out."

Their amazement is because their leaders are not able to cast out demons. They cannot believe that a mere man can cast out a demon. A "mere" man CANNOT cast out a demon. They thought of Him as Joseph's son, not as Messiah. Jesus' power is greater than they have ever experienced, and they cannot justify in their mind how this can happen.

Their problem is that they have no idea who Jesus is.

Luke 4:37 "And the fame of him went out into every place of the country round about."

This is so fantastic that this miracle goes all over the land. It is the talk of the country.

Luke 4:38-39 "And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her." "And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them."

“Simon’s wife’s mother”: Peter was married (1 Cor. 9:5), though no details about his wife are given anywhere in Scripture.

“A great fever”: (Matthew 8:14-15 and Mark 1:30-31), also report this miracle. But only Luke, the physician, remarks that the fever was “high,” and make not of the means Jesus used to heal her (verse 39).

Simon is Peter. Peter's home is right by the side of the Sea of Galilee. The synagogue was less than a mile from where Simon's house was. This Scripture lets us know that Peter had a wife. Paul was never married, but Peter had a family. Peter's mother-in-law had a high fever, and they were trying to find Jesus to lay His hands on her to heal her.

Luke 4:40 "Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them."

“Now when the sun was setting”: Signifying the end of the Sabbath. As soon as they were free to travel, the multitudes came.

These divers’ diseases just mean that all manner of illness was healed by just one touch of the hand of Jesus. It doesn't say that some were healed, it says every one.

Luke 4:41 "And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking [them] suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ."

This is an involuntary act upon the demon's part. This is telling everyone that Jesus is Messiah, the Anointed One. We discussed that they knew who He was, because they had been in heaven with Him before they fell.

Light always does away with darkness. These demons (darkness), had to go when they came in contact with the Light. Jesus is the Light of the world, so His presence did away with the presence of these evil ones (darkness).

If it is dark in a room and you turn the light on, the darkness is gone. You cannot turn on the dark and do away with light. That is what happened here; Light did away with darkness. Jesus rebuked them for telling, because the people were not ready to hear that Jesus was Messiah.

Luke 4:42 "And when it was day, he departed and went into a desert place: and the people sought him, and came unto him, and stayed him, that he should not depart from them."

Jesus left, but to no avail. The people followed Him and stopped Him from leaving. They did not want Him to leave. They wanted to benefit from His miracles.

Luke 4:43 "And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent."

“Kingdom of God”: This term, so prominent throughout the remainder of Luke’s gospel, is introduced here for the first time.

Jesus says this almost apologetically. He does not want to leave this group, who wants Him to stay, but He knows His ministry is for everyone; and He must carry his message to all the known world. His call is not for one people, but to everyone.

Luke 4:44 "And he preached in the synagogues of Galilee."

We see here, that preaching was what He was really all about. Wherever there was a synagogue. He preached. Salvation for the human race is His desire.

Luke Chapter 4 Second Continued Questions

1. How did the people react to His message that He fulfills this Scripture in Isaiah?
2. Who do the people still believe Jesus is?
3. What did they do to Jesus?
4. Where did they take Him to try to kill Him?
5. What was the thing they could not believe about Jesus?
6. How did Jesus get away from the people?
7. What is the probable explanation of this?
8. Where did Jesus go when He left these who were trying to kill Him?
9. What would He do there?
10. What city was Peter's home?
11. Why were they astonished at Jesus' ministry?
12. In the synagogue, Jesus encountered a _____ with an unclean spirit.
13. Why did the unclean spirit cry out?

14. Who did the evil spirit say Jesus was?
15. Why did they know Jesus?
16. Why will they be thrown into the lake of fire?
17. Who did Jesus rebuke, the man or the spirit?
18. What did the devil do to the man?
19. What amazed the people?
20. Why did it amaze them?
21. What becomes the talk of the country?
22. When Jesus left the synagogue. Where did He go?
23. What was wrong at Peter's house?
24. What is another name for Peter?
25. Why had they been hunting for Jesus?
26. After Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law, what did He do?
27. When the devils came out of many, what did they say?
28. Why did Jesus tell them to be quiet?
29. What always does away with darkness?
30. Who is the Light?
31. When Jesus went to a desert place, what did the people do?
32. Why did Jesus say He was sent?
33. In verse 44, where did He preach?