

Sermon Notes | **with** - Luke 4:31-5:32

Jesus has Authority!

31 And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, 32 and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority.

1. Jesus has Authority over Demons (4:33–37; 41)

33 And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, 34 "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." 35 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. 36 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!" 37 And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

2. Jesus has Authority to Heal (4:38–40)

38 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. 39 And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

40 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.

3. Jesus has Authority over Nature (5:1–11)

On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." And Jesus said, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

4. Jesus has Authority to Forgive Sin (5:17–26)

20 And when he saw their faith, he said, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." 24 "But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he

said to the man who was paralyzed—"I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home." 25 And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. 26 And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, "We have seen extraordinary things today."

Why Does Jesus Showcase His Authority?

1. To Preach the Good News (4:42–44)

42 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, 43 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." 44 And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

2. To Help the Humble Find God (5:27–32)

30 And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" 31 And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

Big Idea: Jesus is the King who has authority over everything.

Application

1. Humble yourself to follow Him.
2. Trust Him.

Discussion Guide | **with** - Luke 4:31-5:32

- What did God speak to you this weekend?

Read Luke 4:31-32

- What does authority mean to you?

Read Luke 4:33-37

- Jesus has authority over demons. What does that mean for your spiritual life?

Read Luke 4:38-40

- Jesus has the authority to heal. How does that truth shape the way you pray?

Read Luke 5:17-26

- What is your greatest need in life right now?
- Jesus has the authority to forgive sin. What does that reveal about His divinity?
- What is one way you can grow this month in trusting Jesus as your King?