

LUKE 4:31-44 *Jesus and Demons*

INTRODUCTION

Jesus announced to the people of His hometown God's mission for Him: to preach the Good News, to set people free, and to make the blind see. Now, in the town of Capernaum, He starts doing those things. He preaches Good News, He casts out demons, and He heals people of all kinds of sickness. Unlike other teachers of that time who just talked a lot, Jesus' words had power and authority, and people were amazed.

DISCUSSION

What would you think if you were one of those who saw Jesus cast out a demon or heal a sick person?

EXPLANATION

- Where did Jesus go in this passage? *To the town of Capernaum in Galilee*
- What did people think of Jesus' teaching? Why? *They were astonished. His word possessed authority.*
- What is the first miracle Jesus performed there? *He cast out a demon.*
- Who did the demons say Jesus was? *The Holy One of God; the Son of God; the Christ.*
- Whose house did Jesus go to and what did He do there? *He went to Simon's (Peter) house and healed his mother-in-law of a fever.*
- What did Jesus do that night? *He healed sick people and cast out demons.*
- What did Jesus do when He healed people in this passage? *He laid His hands on every one of them.*

APPLICATION

Jesus didn't just preach sermons that people thought were great or sounded nice. His word and message had power. He spoke and demons and sickness and disease left people. He wasn't just another Bible teacher. He was God's Son, and His miracles showed that. Because He was God's Son, He could have healed everyone at once. But He touched each and every person He healed that night. Jesus is powerful, and He cares about each and every person. Do you think God still does miracles today? Why or why not? What would you have thought if you were there that night? If Jesus cares about each and every person, should we? Why or why not? How can we show sick and hurting people the love of Jesus?

Memory VERSE

Luke 4:32- "and they were astonished at His teaching, for His word possessed authority."