

Authority and Power
Sunday Morning, February 8, 2015

Thesis:

When We Demonstrate Compassion to People of All Backgrounds With the Intent to Share the Gospel of Christ, We Are Actually Working to Set People Free From the Bondage and Power of Sin Like Jesus Did!

Introduction:

I. Jesus Does Not Exploit His Authority and Power To Please the Crowds
(Luke 4: 20 – 30)

20 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him.

21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

22 So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

23 He said to them, "You will surely say this proverb to Me, 'Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country.'"

24 Then He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country."

25 But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land;

26 but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, in the region of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.

27 And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."

28 So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath,

29 and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff.

30 Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way.

They Sought The Notoriety of Jesus' Miracles For Their City

Jesus Knows the Intent of Every Heart. He Does Not Play Such Games. Jesus Would Rather Respond to A Genuine Heart Seeking Him, Even What the Jews Would Consider Enemies Outside His Own People!

Be willing to share God's loving Gospel outside our familiar groups.

II. Authority & Power in Jesus' Missional Home Base (Luke 4: 31 – 37)

31 Then He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbaths.

32 & they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority.

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

34 saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"

35 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him in their midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him.

36 Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, "What a word this is! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out."

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

Accept How and Where God Wants to Use You
For His Kingdom Work

Whatever Community You Live In

Whatever Profession You Work In

Any Circumstance At Any Age Is Your Missional Field

Christians Have Been Underwritten With The Authority
That God Has Given Them To Do God's Work.

III. Jesus' Authority & Power Supported By Compassion (Luke 4: 38 – 44)

38 Now He arose from the synagogue and entered Simon's house. But Simon's wife's mother was sick with a high fever, and they made request of Him concerning her.

39 So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them.

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

41 And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of God!" And He, rebuking them, did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ.

42 Now when it was day, He departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowd sought Him and came to Him, and tried to keep Him from leaving them;

43 but He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent."

44 And He was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.

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