

Sermon Outline October 14, 2012
“Proved with Authority: Jesus is the Christ”
Luke 4:31-44

When Jesus was in Nazareth, He opened the Book of Isaiah and He told the people there, Who He was, and what He would do –

¹⁸ **"The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; (Luke 4:18 NKJ) –**

Here, as we see Christ in Capernaum we see WHO He was and is and what He did and does DO!

I. As Christ, the Great Prophet, He Spoke with AUTHORITY –

³¹ **Then He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbaths. ³² And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority. (Luke 4:31-32 NKJ)**

1. Consider the words used to describe His speaking -

A. They were astonished - ἐκπλήσσω ekplesso {ek-place'-so} Meaning: 1) to strike out, expel by a blow, drive out or away 2) to cast off by a blow, to drive out 2a) commonly, to strike one out of self-possession, to strike with panic, shock, astonish 3) to be struck with amazement, astonished, amazed

B. Jesus spoke with authority / power –

ἐξουσία exousia {ex-oo-see'-ah} Meaning: -the power of authority (influence) and of right (privilege) the power of rule or government (the power of him whose will and commands must be submitted to by others and obeyed) universally 4a1) authority over mankind 4b) specifically 4b1) the power of judicial decisions

2. Consider Jesus compared to other speakers –

²⁸ **And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, ²⁹ for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. (Matthew 7:28-29 NKJ)**

⁴⁴ **Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him.**

⁴⁵ **Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?" ⁴⁶ The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!" (John 7:44-46 NKJ)**

II. As Christ, the KING of kings, He terrorized the kingdom of the Devil –

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. (Luke 4:33-37 NKJ)**

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. (Luke 4:41 NKJ)**

Note about this passage(s)

1. The demon(s) recognize Jesus ... "I know who You are-- the Holy One of God!"

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¹⁹ **You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe-- and tremble! (Jam 2:19 NKJ)**

2. They FEARED His mission –
saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us?"

WSC 26 How doth Christ execute the office of a king? A. Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies. (WSC 1:26 WCS)

WSC 102 What do we pray for in the second petition? A. In the second petition (which is, Thy kingdom come) we pray, That Satan's kingdom may be destroyed; and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and

others brought into it, and kept in it; and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened. (WSC 1:102 WCS)

As David took down Goliath, Jesus went after the kingdom of the Devil, note -

3. Jesus cast out these demons with ease

A. See demon #1 in this passage

- Jesus silences him - :35
- Jesus commands and he obeys - :35
- The demon, it seems, tries to hurt the man, but cannot - :35
- Jesus casts out the demon with his word, and again the people are ASTONISHED by His AUTHORITY -:36-37
- Note Jesus does the same with all the other demons –

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

“Cast out” - 1544 ἐκβάλλω ekballo {ek-bal'-lo} Meaning: 1) to cast out, drive out, to send out 1a) with notion of violence

Like a ball ☺

III. As Christ, our High Priest, He healed and heals all our diseases –

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. (Luke 4:38-40 NKJ)

I connect healing of disease to Christ's office as PRIEST, why?

1. Because God equates our sin to sickness, sickness is a result, symptom of sin –

⁴ Alas, sinful nation, A people laden with iniquity, A brood of evildoers, Children who are corrupters! They have forsaken the LORD, They have

provoked to anger The Holy One of Israel, They have turned away backward. ⁵ Why should you be stricken again? You will revolt more and more. The whole head is sick, And the whole heart faints. ⁶ From the sole of the foot even to the head, *There is no soundness in it, But wounds and bruises and putrefying sores; They have not been closed or bound up, Or soothed with ointment.* (Isaiah 1:4-6 NKJ)

2. Because God connects our HEALING from sickness to Christ's work on the cross –

⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5 NKJ)

3. Even Christ Himself connects His healing power to His power to forgive sins, even proving Himself with this POWER to be the Christ, the Son of God –

⁷ "Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ⁸ But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts?" ⁹ "Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'?" ¹⁰ "But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" -- He said to the paralytic,

¹¹ "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

¹² Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!" (Mark 2:7-12 NKJ)

IV. Note, the right response of the people of Capernaum –

1. It was a response of FAITH –

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. (Luke 4:38-40 NKJ)

A. They brought "all" to Jesus

B. Everyone was healed

This was not always the case –

⁵⁵ "Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas?" ⁵⁶ "And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this Man get all these things?" ⁵⁷ So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house." ⁵⁸ Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief. (Mat 13:55-58 NKJ)

2. They had a let us seek Jesus desire – Luke 4:42-44