

“His Word Possessed Authority”

Sermon Notes

- **The sovereign power of Christ's word is absolutely unstoppable – therefore our church's mission cannot fail**

**Jesus' word has authority over all...*

1. ..._____ (vv.31-37)

2. ..._____ (vv.38-41; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Romans 5:1-5)

3. ..._____ (vv.42-44; Matthew 28:18-20)

Next Week: Luke 5:1-11- “Let Down Your Nets For a Catch”

Community Group Study Guide
For the Week of May 7th - 13th

Please read Luke 4:31-44.

1. Verse 33 mentions a man having the "spirit of an unclean demon."
 - a. Do you think this refers to his personal habits? Does it mean that the man was filthy and rude? Please explain.
 - b. Do you think that it means the man was ritually unclean or had some disorder that made him unable to participate in public worship? Why or why not?
 - c. Do you think that it simply meant that the demon who possessed him was evil? Please explain your answer.

2. In verse 34, the man refers to himself in the plural, "us."
 - a. Who does he mean by us? Is the man speaking, or the demon?
 - (1). Do you think he is possessed by more than one demon?
 - (2). Do you think he is referring to himself and the demon?
 - (3). Do you think this is the demon speaking for himself and other demons?
 - (4). What does your conclusion teach you about the nature of demonic influence on humans?

3. Jesus commands the demon to be silent after he refers to Jesus as the Holy One of God.
 - a. Why do you think he did that?
 - b. Was what the demon said true?
 - c. What do demons do with the truth?
 - d. What is the problem with being acclaimed by demons?

4. The demon threw the man down into the midst of the synagogue.
 - a. Did the demon do as Jesus commanded? Please explain.
 - b. Did he do it gently?
 - c. What prevented the man from being hurt?

5. What do you think people meant when they asked, "What is this word?"
 - a. Were they talking about Jesus' command to the demon? Please explain.
 - b. Were they talking about what Jesus taught or his preaching? Please explain.

- c. Are they talking about the power of Jesus' words? Why or why not?
- d. Are they talking about the news itself? The word about Jesus? Please explain.
- e. What is the difference between Jesus' authority and his power?
- f. How does the response of the crowd in Nazareth to Jesus announcement of his ministry in Luke 4:21 compare with the demon's response in verse 34?