

Luke 4.31-5.11

“one little word shall fell him”

If last Sunday at Church > People Grabbed & Tried to KILL YOU

Would U GO Back to Church Nxt Sunday? Jesus Did! **Different Church!**

Jesus took hometown congregation in Nazareth at **THEIR WORD**

“We do NOT Want you & Your Message!” He NEVER Returned Again

1. New Day of Compassion

Ch 4 Synagogue at Nazareth - Jesus Defined Himself **MANIFESTO**

“YEAR of Lord’s Favor” – Proclaimed Jubilee – Liberation > Salvation

Spirit’s Anointing on Jesus > Great Blessing > Poor, Prisoners, Blind

Another Sabbath – NEW Hometown Capernaum - Faith in **SYNAGOGUE**

Luke > Author & Editor > about 33 yrs Jesus Life on Earth > 24 Chapters

Last 14 Verses of Chapter 4 > **ONE DAY** in the Life of Jesus

a. Authority of Jesus

1) Thru the Word >> Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit ...*He taught in their synagogues* Luke 4.14,15

Nazareth....synagogue.. *scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed him* 4.16

Jesus wants us to **THINK** > Word of God makes **CLAIMS**

Appeal Not to Emotions or Senses but to our **MINDS** > Wake Up & Think

Jesus Exercised His Authority by Simply SPEAKING THE WORD

vs. 31,32 Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath began to teach the people. They were amazed at his teaching, because his message had authority.

He **LIVING WORD** spoke from **FULL** and **FINAL** Word of the Father

Jesus not just **PREACH** About GOD > **HE IS GOD** – Almighty, Authority

2) Over Demons Luke: 5 Healings on Sabbath Day > 2 of them Here

vs. 33 In synagogue...man possessed by a demon, an evil spirit...

1st Healing Luke > Man in Church Possessed by Demon

Demon makes Confession of **TRUTH** – NOT Confession of Faith

“Holy One of God!” Right Words but Not from Changed Heart > Demon!

No Good News for Demons – No Gospel to Save – Jesus came to Destroy
 Western, Scientific, Technology > Demon = Psychological Disorder
 CLEARLY from Word of God > possessed by a demon, an evil spirit

NOT MUCH about DEMONS in OT or LETTERS of APOSTLES
 Much Demonic Activity in Gospels > Out to FIGHT their Destruction
 Addressed by Jesus in Singular, Replies in Plural, Demons move in Packs
 Demon takes Best Shot > Throws Man DOWN but Man was UNHURT
 Authority & Protection of GREAT PHYSICIAN Greater than EVIL
 Jesus > NO Screaming, No Drama, No Hocus Pocus > Word of Power
 “...one little word shall fell him” Martin Luther, *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*
 The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil
 vs. 36,37 All the people were amazed & said to each other, “What is this teaching? With authority & power he gives orders to evil spirits & they come out!” & news about him spread throughout the surrounding area.

Emphasis on Teaching > PROFOUND Words with POWERFUL Effects
 Distinction btwn DEMONS & SIN > Demon: Spiritual / Sin: MORAL
 DEMONS can TEMPT and TWIST God’s Gifts and LEAD US TO SIN
 SIN is a WILLFUL DECISION > ‘the Devil MADE me do it!’ WRONG
 We cannot blame Satan for our own sinful nature. Our sins are not the direct result of demonic control, but expression of our own sinful desires. Philip Ryken

Wrong: Demon of Lust, Gluttony, Pride, Evil Speech >> Moral Sins
 Remedy for Moral Evil – ch 3 Repentance & Forgiveness > Hard!
 To FIGHT with FLESH Harder than to be DELIVERED from DEMON

Sun Rise, Snow Falls, Medicine does Job, Finding Parking Place
 NOT MIRACLES > God of ORDER & LOGIC made Orderly WORLD
 CAN God do MIRACLE for You? Of Course, He is God!
 WILL God do a MIRACLE for You? SOVEREIGN Decision, He Knows
 Should “Expect Miracle” No! Expect Good God to Follow His Good Plan
 Miracles were VERY RARE > Why people AMAZED & Astonished

3) Over Disease vs. 38 home of Simon...mother-in-law...high fever

Mt & Mk also record Event: ONLY DR. Luke Medical Word '**high fever**'

Same Word 'Rebuked' used both Disease & Demon/ Satan behind Disease

v. 40 When sun was setting, people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them.

END of SABBATH Day > Law FORBADE them Coming any EARLIER

NO Example OT or Rabbinic Literature > LAYING HANDS on the SICK

Only DR. LUKE tells us this Detail of COMPASSION and KINDNESS

Does Jesus Heal TODAY? > Of course, Same Yesterday, Today, Forever

More Complicated Question > How & When does Jesus heal TODAY?

Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. James 5.14-16

Prayer Not Faith **THAT** Jesus will DO WHAT and WHEN We Command

"Jesus, I am SICK, I want healing NOW" God may have More Teach Us

Grow Faith, Clarify Vision & Calling, Bring Some to Faith, Repentance

Both Words in James Double Meaning: Heal & Forgive, This Life & Next

Faith in Jesus: He knows Best Time, Plan, Purpose, My Good & His Glory

He Knows how to Maximize Every Event 4 Greatest Advance Kingdom

Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits - who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases Psalm 103.2,3

b. Agenda Set by Jesus

1) Not by Demons v. 41 he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Christ.

vs. 35 "What do you want... Holy One... "Be quiet!" Jesus said sternly.

Crowds may NOT Know Real Jesus: DEMONS Orthodox Christology

SATAN QUOTED Scripture > DEMONS Acknowledge TRUE God

Jesus NOT NEED Servants of HELL to call people to HEAVEN

Satan & Servants ALL Liars: Not seek Glory of God – Evil Agenda

The Lord himself silenced them and forbade them to speak. He did this to keep them from sowing their own wickedness in the midst of the truth. He also wished us to get used to never listening to them even though they seem to speak the truth. Athanasius, 4th Century

2) Not by Crowds v. 42 At daybreak Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them.

Jesus GOOD Guy to have AROUND > Heals, Cures, Feeds, Protects

Keep him AROUND > Never NEED ANYTHING Again!

3) by Father in Heaven vs. 43,44 But he said, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

Message Centered on God & Kingdom: Not our NARROW AGENDA

COMPELLING Necessity > PREACH the KINGDOM FAR AND WIDE

1st Ref to Kingdom of God in Luke > Favorite Theme in Jesus' Preaching

Both PRESENT REALITY and Still to COME in FULLNESS

2. New Decision for Christ

THIS Point > Jesus served ALONE > Now begins call Apostolic TEAM

Seen Jesus with MASSES – Now Jesus with ONE MAN > SIMON Peter MOST of us can RELATE TO > Opens MOUTH to CHANGE FEET

CALL to Peter > NO DIFFERENT than to CALL to CHURCH TODAY

a. God of the Second Chance > RE-NEWED Decision for Christ

1) Already Called As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, 2 brothers, Simon Peter & Andrew... fishermen. "Come, follow me & I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. Matthew 4.18-20

Mt OT description - "Sea of Galilee" / Lk: Greek "Lake of Gennesaret"

How Long btwn Events?? Long enough for ZEAL of obedience to COOL

2) Ignored his Call vs. 1,2 the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God...the fishermen, who were washing their nets.

Cleaning Nets - NOT LISTENING > People of God less Responsive?

"I do not know why Peter went back. I have done the same fool thing more than one in my discipleship." G. Campbell Morgan

Thought WE "Matured" Beyond CERTAIN SIN - FALL BACK AGAIN

Christian Life - Continual Dependence on Grace of God in Christ

NO COMPROMISE WITH SIN - Bear hunter took aim at bear

Wait! Don't shoot! Let's discuss this reasonably! NEGOTIATE

Hunter "I only want a fur coat"/ Bear "I only want a full stomach

After Negotiation/ Bear Walked Away Alone/ Success Compromise

Bear had full stomach and Hunter had his fur coat

b. Sinfulness Exposed Masterful way Jesus EXPOSES PETER'S SIN

1) Respect not Arrogance v. 3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore.

Even if YOU do NOT LISTEN to Me, I will ASK You!

Lakeside > NATURAL AMPHITHEATER - Amplify the Word of God

2) Omnidiscipline not Common Sense vs. 4,5 "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything.

Peter "U use my boat / Pulpit – But don't tell me how to use my Boat!"

MY BUSINESS - YOU ARE A CARPENTER - IT IS MID-DAY

LAKE FISH USUALLY CAUGHT IN DEEP WATER

Jesus knows our business better than we do

3) Generosity not Selfishness v. 7 "signaled partners in the other boat"

Cooperation - NOT COMPETITION > Big Catch need to Work Together

4) Abundance not Emptiness v 7 "filled both boats so began to sink"

Good News Club @ Kohala Elementary > Churches WORK Together!

v. 8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"

Not Disturbed Just by What he's DONE but by WHO HE IS – Sinful Man

SIN NOT MAKE us SINNERS > We Sin BECAUSE we ARE SINNERS

College Student - EMBARRASSED DIRTY LAUNDRY

Tied up in Big Sweatshirt > Threw Bundle into Washer > then Dryer

DRY BUT STILL DIRTY > Thorough CLEANSING - UNTIE BUNDLE EXPOSE THEM TO CLEANSER > Same is True of our Sins before God

Isaiah's vision GOD'S HOLINESS - TEMPLE – 6 winged SERAPHS

Humility is the elevator to spiritual greatness. Darrell Bock

c. Renewed Service Helps Peter Catch fish & helps Peter take men alive

Jesus SOVEREIGN CONTROL of the KNOWN i.e. fishing in the lake

SAME CONTROL OF THE UNKNOWN - can be Trusted to Follow

1) New Master v. 5 Simon "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But *because you say so*, I will let down the nets."

Master > Word USED by Luke 7 X's // New CAPTAIN of Peter's BOAT

HE USES WHAT WE HAVE FOR HIS PURPOSES

2) New Surrender v. 11 So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

MORE THAN ...they left their nets and followed him. Mt 4:20

3) New Success v. 10 Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid..."

"DO NOT BE AFRAID" / Confidence with God

CONFIDENCE BEFORE GOD LEADS TO - Courage with Men

v. 10 "from now on you will catch men." CONTINUOUS Action > Habit

DAY Summary: v. 43 But he said, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent."

Calls 1st Apostle Same Work v. 10 "...from now on you will catch men."

CALLS US – His Church to SAME MISSION – Day, after Day, after Day

UNTIL comes AGAIN to take us to that ENDLESS DAY in His Presence

One half of the world is always in the light, while the other half is always in darkness. When one part of the world is going to bed, another part is just getting out of bed. While one part is hard at work, the other part is fast asleep. While some of God's servants are carrying forward their mission, others are resting in preparation for the new day that will soon dawn. Somewhere, twenty-four hours a day, God's message is being spoken; his Word applied; people are being saved. The sun never sets on the work of God and the witness of his people. Roger Greenway

Psalm 31- Into Your Hand I Commit My Spirit

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me!

Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!

For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;

you take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the Lord.

I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction;

you have known the distress of my soul, and you have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place.

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.

For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.

Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors,

and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

I have been forgotten like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.

For I hear the whispering of many— terror on every side!— as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, “You are my God.”

My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!

O Lord, let me not be put to shame, for I call upon you; let the wicked be put to shame; let them go silently to Sheol.

Let the lying lips be mute, which speak insolently against the righteous in pride and contempt.

Oh how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind!

In the cover of your presence you hide them from the plots of men; you store them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.

Blessed be the Lord, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me when I was in a besieged city.

I had said in my alarm, “I am cut off from your sight.”

But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy when I cried to you for help.

Love the Lord, all you his saints! The Lord preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride. **Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!**
