

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#10 – “The Word Confirmed with Power” – Luke 4:31-44

I. Introduction

A. Recognizing people in authority.

1. Examples

2. All of the above examples stand in contrast to Jesus.

a. He just said the Word.

b. Attested to by the centurion – Luke 7:6-8.

B. The text: Luke 4:31-44

II. Exposition

A. Luke 4:31-32

1. From Nazareth to Capernaum.

a. Background on Capernaum.

2. “Amazed at His teaching” – shock or astonishment.

3. “Message with authority”

a. What was different? – No Q_____.

1. Mark 1:22

B. Luke 4:33-37

1. First encounter with demons.

2. Four New Testament phrases for demons.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

3. Demons active today, but probably more in areas of unreached people groups.

4. Unclean – probably not a category of demon but a general descriptive word.

5. Note plural in verse 34 and that they knew Jesus’ identity.

6. “What is this message,” verse 36.

a. Note connection between the preached word and the expulsion of the demon.

C. Luke 4:38-39

1. The identity of Simon – I Corinthians 9:5

2. “High fever” – Seriously high.

D. Luke 4:40-44

1. Peter’s home as a hospital with Jesus as the physician.

a. Matthew 10:40; John 4:34; John 5:24

1. Jesus sent for this purpose.

2. Synagogue – chief place for instruction in each town.

3. Judea – General term for entire Jewish region.

III. Points for Reflection

A. We need not fear the demonic hosts.

B. The authority of Jesus’ Word was confirmed by the signs.

C. Jesus’ chief priority is our chief priority.

D. Jesus won the victory over Satan and his cohorts by defeating them at the cross.