

Insights from Luke

#10: The Word Confirmed with Power

Luke 4:31-44

Authority figures are in positions that empower them to give orders.

Luke 7:6-8

“⁶ Now Jesus started on His way with them; and when He was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to Him, ‘Lord, do not trouble Yourself further, for I am not worthy for You to come under my roof; ⁷ for this reason I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁸ For I also am a man placed under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, “Go!” and he goes, and to another, “Come!” and he comes, and to my slave, “Do this!” and he does it.’”

Luke 4:31-32

“³¹ And He came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and He was teaching them on the Sabbath; ³² and they were amazed at His teaching, for His message was with authority.”



“Amazed at His teaching.”

Jesus exercised teaching authority.

Luke 4:33-37

“³³ In the synagogue there was a man possessed by the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴ ‘Let us alone! What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth? Have 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 down in the midst of the people, he came out of him without doing him any harm. ³⁶ And amazement came upon them all, and they began talking with one another saying, ‘What is this message? For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits and they come out.’ ³⁷ And the report about Him was spreading into every locality in the surrounding district.”

“Have a demon” or “Evil spirit”

“Demon possessed” or “demoniacs”

“Unclean spirit”

“Afflicted with unclean spirits.”

“What do we have to do with you?
Have you come to destroy us?”
verse 34.

This indicates Jesus possessed
exercising authority.

Luke 4:38-39

“³⁸ Then He got up and left the synagogue, and entered Simon’s home. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Him to help her. ³⁹ And standing over her, He rebuked the fever, and it left her; and she immediately got up and waited on them.”

Luke 4:40-44

“⁴⁰ While the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and laying His hands on each one of them, He was healing them. ⁴¹ Demons also were coming out of many, shouting, ‘You are the Son of God!’ But rebuking them, He would not allow them to speak, because they knew Him to be the Christ. ⁴² When day came, Jesus left and went to a secluded place; and the crowds were searching for Him, and came to Him and tried to keep Him from going away from them. ⁴³ But He said to them, ‘I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose.’ ⁴⁴ So He kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.”

Matthew 10:40

“⁴⁰ He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.”

John 4:34

“³⁴ Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work.’”

John 5:24

“²⁴ ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.’”

We need not fear the demonic hosts.

**The authority of
Jesus' Word
was confirmed by the signs.**

**Jesus' chief priority
is our chief priority.**

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