

O2272022 Luke 4 Luke writes from the perspective of the humanity of Jesus...his care and compassion for the anonymous of the world... One of the character traits of Jesus that is so appealing is that ...**even though he is God manifest in the flesh with all power and authority he sought no earthly power and authority.**

As we study the Gospel of Luke the narrative of his power and authority unfolds in a series of logical and natural steps. When Jesus was baptized by John he received the seal of approval of His Father in Heaven, and was empowered by the Holy Spirit for his mission.

- Next he was led into the desert to engage in spiritual warfare with the adversary the Devil.
- After 40 days and victory he emerged going through Galilee for month's of ministry to the people by himself.
- Then to his home town where he was rejected
- Now Jesus had moved to Capernaum his new home base which we will examine to our benefit today.

We can say that's Luke narrative of Jesus life is made up of logical next steps... because we have the advantage of Luke's writing from the perspective of hindsight... combined with the hindsight of the other three Gospels...putting them all together we can see the work of God to be logical...with each step of the way leading to the next step, ultimately fulfilling the purpose and plan of God .

Not so in our personal lives...which from God's perspective are all being made up of logical next steps...arranged in the order he has ordained...to accomplish his continuing will...

LK 4:31 Then Jesus went to Capernaum, a town in Galilee....

Capernaum Bible Meaning: Village of comfort.. he city of Capernaum, is located on the northwestern shore of the Sea of Galilee about 2 miles from where the Jordan river flows into the lake. Jesus literally went down to

Capernaum because Nazareth sits at 1200 ft above sea level and Capernaum sits 686 feet below sea level.

During the New Testament period, it was one of Galilee's economic centers. Capernaum, was the largest of the more than 30 fishing towns around the lake at that time ...It was a thriving town with great wealth as well as great sin and decadence. Because it was the headquarters for many Roman troops, pagan influences from all over the Roman Empire were pervasive.

So It was not a destination for the Jewish Religious to visit...and often the Jews living there would be considered compromising their faith for living so close with pagans. So it would be the perfect place Jesus' new home... and was an ideal place for Jesus to preach the Good News of God's Kingdom.

That message consisted of letting people everywhere know that:

- The Kingdom of God was near to them...its access was through him
- Jesus verified his preaching by demonstrating power and authority over disease, nature, time, sin, and demons.

Their was great power in His word... theTeaching

31 and taught there in the synagogue every Sabbath day. ³² There, too, the people were amazed at his teaching, for he spoke with authority.

Throughout the Gospel of Luke a continual theme will be Jesus power and authority

- The interesting thing about the synagogue ...was that there was not a regular teacher...but the synagogue ruler as he was called, would choose someone who had skills at teaching and commentating on the scripture...
- so he obviously chose Jesus this Sabbath...
- all the scribes or teachers would repeat what others had written or said regarding the scripture, never expressing their own thoughts...dry and rote... the Pharisees who were the usual preachers, always dropped names on this Rabbi and that Rabbis take on Scripture

- But Jesus spoke like he wrote it... **When he spoke about the kingdom of God ...he described it...like a first person account...like he was there before...not about it like the teachers did.** he did not quote any of their recognized authorities on Scripture...he interpreted it himself with insight beyond what they were accustomed to hearing... it blew them away...never had they heard teaching like this...
- We do not know what the content was...but the power of the Holy Spirit in his teaching was abundantly clear...

Then all of a sudden one time...

LK 4: 33 Once when he was in the synagogue, a man possessed by a demon—an evil spirit—cried out, shouting, ³⁴ “Go away! Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

Whatever doubts man would have about the deity of Jesus...the demons didnt...The demons would have obviously heard about the confrontation with Satan which took place in the desert...

- I would imagine it became an attempt to distract the people from Jesus to the demons *to* confuse ...gain attention...
- **Perhaps the demon thought it was an opportune time to discredit Jesus...since it worked in Nazareth when jesus identified himself as the Messiah the people rejected him...maybe it will work here too...**
- **Not only did Jesus speak with authority...he demonstrated great power! with a word...Jesus dismissed him...**

LK 4:35 But Jesus reprimanded him. “Be quiet! Come out of the man,” he ordered. At that, the demon threw the man to the floor as the crowd watched; then it came out of him without hurting him further.

- **Jesus has no desire to acknowledge the demon nor engage in conversation...His interest was not the demon but his victim the**

man...and when the demon left throwing down the man in an attempt to hurt him...no harm came to him

- Demons were not to be the ones to testify about Jesus...they were to be destroyed

LK 4:36 Amazed, the people exclaimed, "What authority and power this man's words possess! Even evil spirits obey him, and they flee at his command!" ³⁷ *The news about Jesus spread through every village in the entire region.*

The people leave the meeting amazed (astounded ,shocked)... As we go through the gospel we will discover that his power aroused suspicion, hate, curiosity and occasionally faith!

- After the service...Jesus goes to Simon Peter's house.... That afternoon *LK 4:38 After leaving the synagogue that day, Jesus went to Simon's home, where he found Simon's mother-in-law very sick with a high fever. "Please heal her," everyone begged. ³⁹ Standing at her bedside, he rebuked the fever, and it left her. And she got up at once and prepared a meal for them.*

- I wonder what kind of woman was Peter's wife?
- She was obviously hospitable...
- When we often think of the apostles we think of young men who were single, adventurous, macho, travelers, men's men
- Peter was a fisherman, businessman and was a family man...he had a wife a home, did household chores, and it appears his mother in law lived him.. So he obviously had some patience**He was a busy man and now a disciple and right hand man of Jesus!**
- And his mother in law was sick with a fever...this incident must have stood out in the mind of Peter as to be recorded years later... and this is probably why...**In Jesus day people assumed and were taught that tragedy and diseases struck people who deserved it, people whom God was angry with.....interestingly today we often think that also**

- Jesus responded by overturning common notions about how God views people with sickness, endure disabilities and suffer tragedy...they were all loved
- So Jesus' touching of her...was significant...it demonstrated his acceptance of her before she was healed

His mother in law immediately gets up and starts serving...women sure seem to get the idea of serving Jesus much faster than men...then and now!! Also it demonstrates the totality of the healing...she was immediately restored to normal

- So we have: Jesus power and authority demonstrated in his word...
 - Teaching in the synagogue... The power and authority of Jesus word...
 - Exorcising the demon...power/authority over the supernatural
 - Healing a disease... power/authority over the natural

His day just got more complicated..... When the Sabbath is over...six o'clock Saturday night...people flock to Peters house...the whole town...it is believed Capernaum had over 15-20 k people...

*LK 4: 40 As the sun went down that evening, people throughout the village brought sick family members to Jesus. No matter what their diseases were, **the touch of his hand healed every one.** 41 Many were possessed by demons; and the demons came out at his command, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But because they knew he was the Messiah, he rebuked them and refused to let them speak.*

His hours long laying on of hands to hundreds upon undreds of hurting people.. instant healing and deliverance happening...the unbelievable joy of those being healed, the feeling of freedom from those demonized ... hope for a different future being realized...

Family and friends rejoicing over those they love restored...the absolute surrealness of it all.... The most incredible things they have ever

witnessed happening right there in front of them....over and over again to everyone he touched!... incomprehensible, is it really happening...!! And this goes on until late in the evening!! People were running to get others whom they knew were sick and troubled...who had not come that night....

This went on until Peter and his family said enough already...go home come back tomorrow...as Jesus was exhausted...he was also human...

- I wonder what Peter and his wife talked about that night when they went to bed... What does this all mean? I think our lives have just changed? We need a much bigger house!
- I am his right hand man! Jesus and me are tight!
- The Messiah's here... Jesus sleeping in our house....were famous...were probably gonna be rich !!
- Were celebrities...we need t- shirts...
- tomorrow ought to be a great day...imagine...
- **But his illusions of Jesus get rocked...Like ours**

LK 4:42 42 Early the next morning Jesus went out to an isolated place. The crowds searched everywhere for him, and when they finally found him, they begged him not to leave them.

Mark recalling the same incident ...tells us Simon Peter was leading the pack....looking for Jesus

MK 1:35 Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

- In the morning the people start returning and Peter, most likely Andrew, James and John start looking...they obviously knew where the Lord went,

probably had been there with him...no time to pray ,...there's another day of miracles to take place...

Their first disappointment of following Jesus! He did not do what they wanted him to do...Why didn't Jesus heal everyone?

Luke 4:43 But he replied, "I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God in other towns, too, because that is why I was sent." ⁴⁴ So he continued to travel around, preaching in synagogues throughout Judea.

The moral of the story is Jesus did not come to give temporary relief for every disease and temporary relief from evil spirits...if he did then in the big picture ...he is a failure..for they will still die and Death would still have the final say over them all...

SO WHAT IS THE GOOD NEWS HE WAS BRINGING

- **He came to bring the good news of The Kingdom of God.. is the Good news of life eternal can be had, with a resurrected body is available!**

John 5:24 "I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message **and** believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their **sins**, but they have already passed from **death** into life.

- **He conquered a much worse disease that is eternally fatal...The disease of Sin which leads to eternal death...**
It is the good news of why Jesus came

JN 6: 40 For it is my Father's will that all who see his Son and believe in him should have eternal life. I will raise them up at the last day."

- **Sickness will not have the final say, Tragedy will not have the final say, Sin will not have the final say, Demons will not have the final say... DEATH will not have the final say ...Jesus has the final**

say and is final say is this ...not only will they have eternal life...they will have bodies again!!

- **It is Jesus that brings the greatest miracle...it is his word that can be relied upon, it is his word that is the truth....that is why his words are recorded...**
- **Because only thirty something of the countless miracles he performed are recorded.... So that so that we may believe his words...for miracles will come and go...but it is his word that last forever...**

Matt 4:3 During that time the devil^{at} came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

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1 Peter 1: ²³ For you have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end. Your new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God. ²⁴ As the Scriptures say, “People are like grass; their beauty is like a flower in the field. The grass withers and the flower fades.

²⁵ But the word of the Lord remains forever.”^[f] And that word is the Good News that was preached to you.

So what are we to do? Live like it!

***1 Peter 2:1** So get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech. ² Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, ³ now that you have had a taste of the Lord’s kindness.*

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- Romans 5:12 When Adam **sinned**, **sin** entered the world. Adam's **sin** brought **death**, so **death** spread to everyone, for everyone **sinned**.

*Romans 5:17 For the **sin** of this one man, Adam, caused **death** to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace **and** his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over **sin and death** through this one man, Jesus Christ.*

So he rest his body for a few hours...But his soul needed refreshing too...

*******A wonderful example for us...how often we rest our body and neglect refreshing for our soul....pace ourselves**

- *And* Everyone of those who were there yesterday, the healthy, sick, demonized, family, friends, looky loos, haters.....were going to die someday.. AND again Death would still have the final say

END

How will He do this

- Just as the father drew the oppressed and diseased to Jesus he has drawn you...

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- We all have prayed for people whom God did not heal and death was allowed to take place. This is not the moral of the story...
- The moral is that Jesus loves people and he has come for all that would have faith in Him...that even if we live disease free to 1000 years old...
- that is not the point...the point is know the giver of life...who said this...

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- Just as the father drew the oppressed and diseased to Jesus he has drawn you...
- No matter what you face today a call on the Lord...he will help you
- Jesus keeps to his mission...

With Jesus no thing is the final thing he came to conquer something bigger than trajedy sickness and oppression.....even death...He reverses the irreversible ...

People need to hear ...that there is a Kingdom that I as the King am inviting them to belong! I am preparing the way for them to become citizens of...a Kingdom that will never end...the home of righteousness...

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Why? Because faith comes from the word of Jesus...the power and authority is in the words of Jesus ...not only in the miracles...the disciples needed to learn that lesson and we do too...

Jesus wanted the sick, disabled and the oppressed to know they are loved and included with Jesus...whether they are cured or not changes nothing in their status to Jesus

the moral of the story is not that Jesus will heal every disease and cast out all evil...in this world...these people will all face disease again and will eventually succumb to death.

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Jesus he brought Kingdom of God to earth to bring Earth People into the Kingdom of God ...

RO 10:16 17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ

Miracles come and go...but it is the word of God that stand forever...

MT 4:4 Jesus answered, "It is written: `Man does not live on bread alone, but on **every word** that comes from the mouth of God

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End.

John 17: ³ And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.

1 John 3:8But **the Son of God** came to destroy **the works of the devil**.

Hebrews 2:14

NLT Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death.

^{1 Cor 15:57} But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Romans 8:2

For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of **sin and death**.

he's says of himself that he is humble and gentle...

MT 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

- Yoke is grace...we are connected to him by his grace...his unmerited favor ...his love
- Our Burden is faith...our burden is to simply trust him, as we walk with him...

John tells us of the bulk of his miracles during his brief time on earth...if chronicled would fill more books than the earth could hold...

*JN 21:25 Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the **books** that would be written.*

That's a lot....if every testimony were told of each miracle, healing or deliverance we would never get through all of them...

For example Matthew tells us in three places...of thousands of healings and deliverances...but not describing a single one

*MT 8:16 When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and **healed all** the sick.*

*MT 12:15 Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. Many followed him, and he **healed all** their sick,*

*MT 14:34 When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret. ³⁵ And when the men of that place recognized Jesus, they sent word to all the surrounding country. People brought **all** their **sick** to him ³⁶ and begged him to let the **sick** just touch the edge of his cloak, and **all** who touched him were healed.*

And twice Jesus sends out his apostles and disciples to heal and deliver people from demonic oppression...and they go...and not one of the details of demonstrations of power and authority are recorded...

LK 9:1 When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them **power and authority** to drive out **all** demons and to cure diseases, ² and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the **sick**.

LK 10:8 "When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is set before you. ⁹ Heal the **sick** who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.'

- All of these anonymous people were healed by the power and authority of Jesus ...because he loved them...and the Kingdom was near them...and welcomed them So...the miracles that are detailed are given us on purpose for a purpose...so we must be mindful of them...

Now...

Luke 4:31-44

Do you realize that of the thousands upon thousands of miracles performed in the three years of Jesus' earthly ministry only a few dozen are recorded ...except in the records of heaven...

- **Just as most of the miracles performed in our lives ...will never be recorded by man but all will be stored in the heart of Jesus...**

So it is important for us as we study the Gospel of Luke to understand the teaching that is being conveyed through those particular events...

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- They had only three things in common...
 1. *they were human beings*
 2. *they were desperate for help*
 3. *they had faith that Jesus could help them.*

They had all that was required...

1SA 16:7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

- They were human

AC 10:34 Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. **(come to Jesus)**

- They came to Jesus

JN 6: 37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.

- He could and would help them.. and not drive them away... and he would go and find others ...

LK 19: 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

