

New Day, New Decision

Luke 4.31-5.11

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

Would you GO BACK to Church NEXT Sunday? Jesus Did > **Different Church!**

Jesus took hometown congregation in Nazareth at THEIR WORD

“We DO NOT WANT you and YOUR MESSAGE!” He NEVER Returned Again

Your REACTION to the Word of JESUS will determine your ETERNAL Destiny

### 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 - Faithfully in SYNAGOGUE

Luke > Author and 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) Through the Word

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. *He taught in their synagogues* Luke 4.14,15

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. *The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him...* Luke 4.16,17

1<sup>st</sup> thing Jesus us to DO is THINK > Consider WORD of God its CLAIMS on US

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.

ORIGINALITY Not Highly Prized by RABBI'S > Teaching = Citing Authorities

Never have I ever in my life said a thing which I did not hear from my teachers.

Rabbi Eliezer

Jesus based Message on OWN AUTHORITY – Sermon on Mt. “I SAY to you”

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

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

Christian Teacher TODAY – like Rabbi's – Base Teaching on HIS Word

Jesus is the AUTHORITY – His Word NOT OURS is the God's Truth for World

2) Over Demons Luke: 5 HEALINGS on SABBATH DAY > 2 of them HERE

vs. 33-35 In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an evil spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, "Ha! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" "Be quiet!" Jesus said sternly. "Come out of him!" Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him.

No GOOD News for Demons – No Gospel to Save Them – Jesus came to Destroy

Western, SCIENTIFIC, Technological Mind > Demon = Psychological Disorder

MAY be Mentally & Emotionally Sick, Social Deviant, Psychological Disorder

1 thing know CLEARLY from Word of God > possessed by a demon, an evil spirit

Distinction btwn DEMONS and 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 simply the expression of our own sinful desires. Philip Ryken

WRONG – Demon of Lust, Gluttony, Pride, Evil Speech, MORAL WRONGS

REMEDY for MORAL Evil – ch 3 REPENTANCE and FORGIVENESS > Hard!

To FIGHT with FLESH Harder than to be DELIVERED from DEMON

1<sup>st</sup> Healing LUKE > DIRTY DEMON! – UNCLEAR Hygiene? Holiness? both?

NOT MUCH about DEMONS in OT or LETTERS of APOSTLES

GREAT Demonic Activity in GOSPELS > Came 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 and PROTECTION of GREAT PHYSICIAN Greater than EVIL

Jesus > NO Screaming, No DRAMA, No Hocus Pocus > SPEAKS Word of Power

“...one little word shall fell him” Martin Luther, *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

vs. 36,37 All the people were amazed and said to each other, "What is this teaching? With authority and power he gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!" And the news about him spread throughout the surrounding area.

EMPHASIS on TEACHING > PROFOUND Words with POWERFUL Effects

Jesus Now CELEBRITY > Making LOTS of FACEBOOK Friends in Whole Area

MIRACLE – Defy NORMAL Order of God’s Creation Plan > OVER-USED Word

1977 Maria Rubio of Lake Arthur, New Mexico > Frying Tortillas in her Kitchen Noticed 1 Tortilla > Likeness of a face etched in Burn Marks > Concluded – Jesus! Built Small Shrine, 1000’s visited Shrine of the Jesus of the Holy Tortilla > Miracle

"I do not know why this has happened to me! But God has come into my life through this tortilla!"  
 Maria Rubio

Sun Coming Open, Snow Falling, Medicine doing its' Job, Finding Parking Place these are NOT MIRACLES > God of ORDER and LOGIC made Orderly WORLD

CAN God do a MIRACLE for You or Someone you KNOW? Of Course, He is God! WILL God do a MIRACLE for You? > HIS SOVEREIGN Decision, He Knows

Should we "EXPECT A MIRACLE" No! Expect God Good to Follow His Good Plan MIRACLES were VERY RARE > Why people were AMAZED & Astonished

Jesus did NO PRIVATE Miracles – ALL PUBLIC – All Declared who HE WAS!

It has not been God's way to communicate to each and every man a separate store of divine knowledge of his own, to meet his separate needs. But He rather has spread a common board for all, and invites all to come and partake of the richness of the great feast.  
 Abraham Kuyper

MANIFESTATIONS of MIRACLES in Scripture > linked Giving of SCRIPTURE

1. Law: Moses and Joshua 2. Prophets: Elijah and Elisha 3. NT: Jesus and the Apostles

Each period about 100 years, Abundance of Miracles, Far More than any Other Era  
 Each Period: Giving of SCRIPTURE for God's People, BIBLE Greatest MIRACLE  
 40 Authors – 2 Languages – 1000 years – 66 Books > One Unified Message

### 3) Over Disease

vs. 38,39 Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

Matthew & Mark also record Event: ONLY DR. Luke Medical Word '**high fever**'  
 Same Word 'REBUKED' Used Both Disease & Demon / Satan behind Disease??

v. 40 When the sun was setting, the 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 in 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 and 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 your healing NOW”> God may have More to Teach Us

Strengthen Faith – Clarify Vision and 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

Dr. Cancer Curing Medicine > Guaranteed > Bought for Friend > Died before Gave

He KNOWS how to MAXIMIZE Every EVENT for Greatest Advance of Kingdom

Apostle Paul writes to Philippian Church from PRISON CELL

I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me,

to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of me. Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Philippians 1.19-27

Paul has 2 OPTIONS > God's Best and God's Best > Serve on Earth or in Heaven  
Already CRUCIFIED with Christ > NOTHING will Separate him from God's Love

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

God will give ALL Forgiveness and ALL Healing > TRUST this PROMISE  
WHEN will we RECEIVE? Mortal puts on Immortality! Cross over & Meet Him

Applic. ch 4 JESUS in House of God > People of God are to MEET HIM  
ENCOUNTER with God > Life Changing / Nazareth – New THINKING  
MOVE Beyond Provincialism, Parochialism > God loves WHOLE WORLD  
Capernaum > HEALING from DEMONS & DISEASE / All FELT His Touch  
Do People WALK OUT of this Hall with Same Issues, Pains, Problems Brought in?  
Do We as BODY of Christ > Bring His COMPASSION, Healing Touch, Rebuke?  
Do you Meet Him in Worship, Word, Prayer, Fellowship: Seek Him & His People!  
If NO Encounter with Jesus > FAILURE both WE as Body & YOU as Believer  
I Received Great Support, Prayer, Encouragement > Hope also Freely give Others!

## b. Agenda Set by Jesus

1) Not by Demons v. 41 Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting,

"You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Christ.

vs. 34,35 "Ha! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" "Be quiet!" Jesus said sternly.

CROWDS may NOT KNOWN Real Jesus: DEMONS Orthodox Christology

SATAN also QUOTED Scripture > DEMONS forced to Acknowledge TRUE God

Jesus does NOT NEED Servants of HELL to call people to HEAVEN

Satan & Servants ALL LIARS > Not seek Glory of God – own WICKED Purpose

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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 and HIS KINGDOM > Not our NARROW AGENDA

COMPELLING Necessity > PREACH the KINGDOM FAR AND WIDE

1<sup>st</sup> Ref to Kingdom of God in Luke > FAVORITE THEME in Jesus' Preaching

Both PRESENT REALITY and Still to COME in FULLNESS

The gospel according to Jesus has implications for meeting people's physical needs...we are called to care for people's bodies as well as their souls...

Nevertheless, we need to make sure the main thing remains the main thing, and the main thing is to preach the gospel. Philip Ryken

Jesus KNOWS His Mission > NOT NEED people to DIRECT Him > SERVE Him

## 2. New Decision for Christ

Up to THIS Point > Jesus served ALONE > Now begins FORM Apostolic TEAM

Luke > Interesting MIX of General Information and PERSONAL Portraits

Seen Jesus with MASSES – Now Jesus with ONE MAN > SIMON PETER

Man 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, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." □

At once they left their nets and followed him. Matthew 4.18-20

SAME PLACE - Matthew OT description - "Sea of Galilee"

Luke - Greek description - "Lake of Gennesaret"

HOW LONG between 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 their nets - NOT LISTENING

PEOPLE OF GOD OFTEN LESS RESPONSIVE THAN UNBELIEVERS

// READING Bible & SURFING Net / Listen to SERMON & REST your EYES  
OK to REST your EYES but DO NOT DROOL on your SHIRT!

vs. 38,39 JESUS HEALS OF SIMON'S MOTHER IN LAW  
Maybe that's why Peter was upset with Jesus?

"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

SUCCESSFUL COMPROMISE REACHED

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) Omniscience 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 "You can use my boat for PULPIT – But don't tell me how to use MY Boat!"  
**THIS IS MY BUSINESS - YOU ARE A CARPENTER - IT IS MID-DAY  
 LAKE FISH USUALLY CAUGHT IN DEEP WATER**

The word of Jesus invades the privacy of our own workaday life, instead of staying respectably in a Sunday church service where it belongs. Michael Wilcock

Jesus knows our business better than we do

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

**COOPERATION - NOT COMPETITION > Big Catch need to Work Together**

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

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 HAS DONE but by WHO HE IS – Sinful Man  
 SIN does NOT MAKE us SINNERS > We Sin BECAUSE we ARE SINNERS**

College Student - EMBARRASSED DIRTY LAUNDRY

Tied up in his Big Sweatshirt > Threw whole Bundle into Washer > then Dryer  
**DRY BUT STILL DIRTY > THOROUGH CLEANSING - UNTIE THE BUNDLE  
 EXPOSE THEM TO CLEANSER > Same is True of our Sins before God**

It is the 'Master' whose orders must be obeyed, the 'Lord' whose holiness caused moral agony to the sinner. Alfred Plummer

## ISAIAH'S VISION OF GOD'S HOLINESS - TEMPLE - SIX WINGED SERAPHS

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory"...  
 "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD □ Almighty."  
 Isaiah 6.3-5

Humility is the elevator to spiritual greatness. Darrell Bock

### c. Renewed Service

Jesus SOVEREIGN CONTROL of the KNOWN i.e. fishing in the lake  
 SAME CONTROL OF THE UNKNOWN - can be Trusted to Follow

Helps Peter to catch fish THEN helps Peter to take men alive  
 Catch MEN ALIVE > Not FLAY and FRY but to see them SET FREE in Jesus

I AM NOT FISHERMAN He wants us where we are - in what we are doing

#### 1) New Master

v. 5 Simon answered, "*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 ONLY 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. Matthew 4:20

Father of Modern M Movement – wrote his Father of his call to INDIA

"I hope, dear father, that you will be enabled to surrender me up to the Lord for the most arduous, honorable and important work that any of the sons of men are called to engage in...I have set my hand to the plow" William Carey, 1793

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

"DO NOT BE AFRAID" / Confidence with God

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Romans 8.15

CONFIDENCE BEFORE GOD LEADS TO - Courage with Men

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

MORE THAN > "I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4.19

Seen A DAY IN THE LIFE of Jesus the MESSIAH

Jesus the Son filled with Spirit opens the Scriptures and proclaims Salvation

ENDED 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 1<sup>st</sup> APOSTLE to SAME WORK: v. 10 "...from now on you will catch men."

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

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

Jesus: "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working."

John 5.17

ONGOING MINISTRY of the CHURCH - Reach every Tribe & Nation & People

To build a vibrant, reproducing community unified in Christ that embraces and transforms people of all nations to impact their cities, their nations, and the world for Christ. BICF Vision Statement

Spent over 30 Hours on this Sermon > Could have been PRAYING, VISITING Members, HANDING Tracts on Subway or University, Making Powerpoints, Practicing Music, Visiting Hospitals, Feeding Homeless, Taking care Young Children, Working for Social Justice, Administration in Church office, Learning Mandarin, Teaching English, Fixing Computers.....etc.

But YOU WERE doing that Right? Each of us Work Together as His Body Hands and Feet to Perform His Agenda > Demonstrate Manifesto of Jesus

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

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he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, 10 and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men."  
11 So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.