

The Narrative : Luke Series

Sermon Title: *Jesus is a Big Deal!*

Scripture reading: Luke 4:31-41

Tim Wolfe - April 16, 2023

Our Ongoing Prayer:

*God would **awaken a more excellent understanding & experience of Jesus**, His words, ways, & work through the gospel of Luke*

*God intends the scriptures to be **instigators of curiosity & faith***

Luke 4:31-41 (ESV)

31 And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, 32 and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. 33 And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, 34 “Ha! What have you to do with us, 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 silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. 36 And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!” 37 And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region. 38 And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. 39 And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. 40 Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. 41 And demons also came out of many, crying, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. (ESV)

The main theme of the Gospel of Luke is the nature of Jesus' Messiahship and Mission.

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KEY verse is Luke - 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

Chapter 4 Review:

- *Vs. 4 And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness*
- *Vs. 14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country.*
- *Vs. 18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.” 20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” Isaiah 61*
- *Vs. 22 And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph's son?” 23 And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Physician, heal yourself.” What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” 24 And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. 25 But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, 26 and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. 27 And there were many leper^s in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.”*
- *28 When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath 29 And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. 30 But passing through their midst, he went away.*

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***Matthew 17** And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. 3 And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” 5 He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” (this point from Pastor Alistair Begg’s sermon on this scripture).*

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Jesus' word has authority and power.

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Matthew 4:4 But he answered, “It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

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