

## Doctrine, Demons, & Diseases

Luke 4:31-44

### **Luke 4:31-44** (NIV)

<sup>31</sup> Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath he taught the people. <sup>32</sup> They were amazed at his teaching, because his words had authority. <sup>33</sup> In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an impure spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, <sup>34</sup> “Go away! 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!” <sup>35</sup> “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. <sup>36</sup> All the people were amazed and said to each other, “What words these are! With authority and power he gives orders to impure spirits and they come out!” <sup>37</sup> And the news about him spread throughout the surrounding area. <sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them. <sup>40</sup> At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. <sup>41</sup> 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 Messiah. <sup>42</sup> 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. <sup>43</sup> But he said, “I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent.” <sup>44</sup> And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.



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## Discussion Questions

### Luke 4:31-44: Doctrine, Demons, & Diseases

1. How big of a role did TEACHING play in the ministry of Jesus and why was/is this so important? Explain your answer.
  
  2. **Read Luke 4:33-37.** What is the danger of 1) dismissing demons or 2) blaming demons for every bad outcome?
  
  3. **Read Luke 4:38-41** and then read part of last week's passage, **Luke 4:17-19.** How are these passages similar?
  
  4. What does the tender touch of Jesus likely communicate to those who heals? What does the casting out of the demons demonstrate about who Jesus is?
  
  5. How did the video of Chinese Christians receiving Bibles impact you?
  
  6. **Homework:**
    - a. Will you read through Luke this week or do you have another reading plan?
    - b. Who could you could GIVE a Bible to that might actually READ it?
- \* Pray for one another and check on each other throughout the week.