



**One Step Behind Jesus:**  
*The Authority*  
**Luke 4:31-44**

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**Jesus Christ is the  
Ultimate Authority!**

**Then he went down to  
Capernaum, a town in  
Galilee, and on the Sabbath  
began to teach the people.**

**vs. 31**

**They were amazed at his  
teaching, because his  
message had authority.**

**v. 32**



# Authority of His Message

**“If you have never been hurt by a word from God, it is probable that you have never heard God speak.”**

**Amy Carmichael, Missionary**



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**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. 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.**

**v. 33-37**



Authority over  
demons

**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.**

**v. 41**

**When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations,**

**...that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.**

**And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.**

**Colossians 2:13-15**

**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.**

**4:38-39**



# Authority over disease

**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.**

**vs. 40**

**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...  
James 5:14-15**

**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.**

**v. 42**

**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.**

**v. 43-44**



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