

Sermon: “Port Authority” Luke 4

With a simple command, Jesus shows he has authority over the unclean spirits and illness itself. But what about us? We who are under the lordship of Christ are allowed to obey or disobey the omnipotent God—at least for now. That display of free will is remarkable! Grace is not something He forces, nor is it something that we cause.

A Surprising Confession

I wonder how long this man was in the synagogue. Had he been comfortable there?

“Nazareth”—echoes of rejection

What does the demon reveal?

- a) There is a day of _____ coming
- b) The struggle is not against _____ and _____
- c) “Holy One of God” is a true statement, but it’s not _____

“Physician, Heal Everyone!”

Here, the struggle is against _____ and _____!

Simon’s mother in law

V. 40 “now when the sun was setting” indicates early birds

End-Time Demonstrations

Jesus is bringing the _____ Day to the _____ day.

How will you recognize and respond to His authority today?

Life Group Questions

Head (what?)

- Why were the people astonished by Jesus' teaching?
- Where was the man with the unclean spirit?
- What things does Jesus specifically rebuke?
- What do the demons say that is commendable and true?

Heart (so what?)

- What does this incident tell us about good and evil?
- When will Jesus rebuke and reverse all illness and all evil?
- How does Jesus set us free?

Hands (now what?)

- Is it easier to stay where you are wanted or go where you are needed?
- What is God calling me to do that I need to obey?
- How can you pray and live with greater authority?
- How can you help others to answer God's calling in their life?