

Luke 4:31-37 **Jesus Taught With Authority Casting out a Demon**

Jesus Taught with authority

31 Then He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbaths. 32 And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority.

Jesus has authority over demons and unclean spirits

33 Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud voice, 34 saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are--the Holy One of God!"

35 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him in their midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him.

The People responded with amazement [Mark 1:27, Luke 4:36]

36 Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, "What a word this is! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out." 37 And the report about Him went out into every place in the surrounding region. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Jesus taught in the Capernaum Synagogue on the Sabbath with Authority

- ✚ Jesus' custom was to teach in the Synagogue on the Sabbath. [Luke 4:16, 31-37]
- ✚ When Jesus taught in the Synagogue of Capernaum, He spoke with a level of Authority the people had never before heard. [Mark 1:21-22, Luke 4:31-33]
 - ✧ Jesus' message was directly from God above with all the authority of the original Creator. [John 7:16, 8:26, 12:49, 14:24]
 - ✧ The Scribes and Pharisees taught the doctrine of men, which were debated and open to other controversial views, which are still today debated in the various sects of Judaism and based on human interpretation.
 - ✧ The Scribes and Pharisees taught primarily what was known as the "Oral Law" which today has been compiled in the books of the Talmud and the Shulhan Aruk. These are interpretations, and interpretations of the interpretations.
 - ✧ Quite often it was commentaries on the commentaries on other commentaries.
 - ✧ It was the traditions of men that Jesus condemned as making the Word of God ineffective. [Matthew 15:1-9, Mark 7:1-13, Titus 1:14]
 - ✧ Jesus taught the heart and spirit of God, knowing the certainty of what He was teaching in truth, and it was not open to debate or controversy.
- ✚ Capernaum was the headquarters of Jesus where He lived in the house of Simon Peter. [Matthew 4:13]

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- ✚ There was a man in the Synagogue with an unclean spirit. [Mark 1:23, Luke 4:31-37]
 - ✧ Unclean spirits know Jesus, and that He has authority to destroy them. [Mark 1:24, Luke 4:33-34]
 - ✧ They know that Jesus is the Holy One of God. [Mark 1:24, Luke 4:34]
- ✚ Jesus rebuked him and commanded him to be quiet and come out of the man.
 - ✧ The unclean spirit convulsed the man, cried with a loud voice, and came out of the man and did not hurt him. [Mark 1:26, Luke 4:35]

The People responded with amazement [Mark 1:27, Luke 4:36]

- ✚ The people said:

- ✧ What is this?
 - ✧ What new doctrine is this?
 - ✧ For with authority and power He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey Him.
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- ✚ The miracles, teachings, and authority of Jesus reveal Who Jesus really is, with the authority of the Godhead. [[Romans 1:20](#), [Galatians 2:9](#)]
 - ✚ With this kind of evidence, His fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee. [[Mark 1:28](#), [Luke 4:37](#)]