

"Jesus Came to Proclaim the Kingdom of God"

Luke 4:31-44,

Read Luke 4:31-37... Jesus provided forgiveness for sins and eternal life.

Mark 1:14-17, "Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel. As He was going along by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.'"

Matthew 4:13, "leaving Nazareth, He came and settled in Capernaum."

Wow! Jesus' presence and preaching "with authority," freaked out the demon in this man, who cried out. Jesus came to conquer the kingdom of darkness that Satan ruled, and this demon served.

Colossians 1:3, "We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ," **13-20**, "For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven," (**2Corinthians 4:6**), "For God, who said, 'Light shall shine out of darkness,' is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ."

Note again in **Luke 4:34**... The demon knows who Jesus is.

1John 3:8b, "The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil."

Matthew 25:41, "the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels." See **Revelation 20:1-3, 7-10**...

Jesus rebukes the demon (see **Luke 4:35-36**), **37** "And the report about [Jesus] was spreading into every locality in the surrounding district" (cf. **Matthew 9:33**), "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel."

Luke presents an orderly and historically accurate account of the life of Jesus.

Read Luke 4:38-39... Jesus goes to the house of Simon Peter (Greek) or Cephas (Aramaic), later to become a disciple of Jesus. Originally from Bethsaida (cf. **John 1:35-44**), Simon moved to Capernaum for his fishing business with brother Andrew (cf. **Matthew 4:18-22**), and also the brothers James and John (cf. **Luke 5:1-11**).

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Simon's mother-in-law has a high [Greek, *mega*] fever. Jesus holds her hand (cf. **Matthew 8:15; Mark 1:31**), then rebukes the fever; she is healed, gets up and serves the Sabbath meal to her guests (cf. **Luke 5:10**).

Read Luke 4:40-41... Sabbath was ending, restrictions on travel, work, etc., would end, so many people brought their ill family members to Simon's house for healing, as Mark records (**Mark 1:33**), "The whole city had gathered at the door."

Jesus didn't want demons declaring He was "the Son of God," there was much enmity between the Son of God and Satan's demons (**Mark 3:22**), "The scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, 'He is possessed by Beelzebul [2Kings 1:3, Baal-zebub] and 'He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons.'"

Because the Pharisees couldn't deny Jesus 'miracles, accused Him of doing His miracles by the power of Beelzebub [Satan himself].

Read Luke 4:42-44... Jesus goes off to have some time with the Father.

Mark 1:35, "In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there."

The crowds found Him, pleading for Him not to go away from them. Jesus had come from the Father (cf. **John 1:14**) full of grace and truth, to show us the Father (**John 1:18**), and to "take away the sin of the world!" (**John 1:29**).

Jesus came to proclaim forgiveness for all those who believe in Him.

The kingdom of God is the realm of salvation for all who repent and believe in God's Son.. At the beginning of Jesus' ministry, He said (**Mark 1:15, 17**), "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

Jesus came to preach the Good News of Salvation, and teach the truth of God's Word to all who will believe in Him, becoming His witnesses in order to proclaim Jesus Christ (**John 14:6**) for, "[He is] the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through [Him]."

Romans 10:9-10, "If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with [your] the heart [you] believe, resulting in righteousness, and with [your] mouth [you] confess, resulting in salvation." **13-15**, "for "Whoever will call on the name of the Lord [*for the forgiveness of sin*] will be saved. How then will they [who have not heard] call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!"

There is no better news than forgiveness for all your sin and eternal life in heaven with God. Jesus is not here to proclaim the gospel, so those who belong to Him must bring the good news of salvation to all who will listen.

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