

## **Luke 4:28-44**

<sup>28</sup> All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. <sup>29</sup> They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him down the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

### **Jesus Drives Out an Evil Spirit**

<sup>31</sup> Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath began to teach the people. <sup>32</sup> They were amazed at his teaching, because his message had authority.

<sup>33</sup> In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an evil spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, <sup>34</sup> “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!”

<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 is this teaching? With authority and power he gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!” <sup>37</sup> And the news about him spread throughout the surrounding area.

### **Jesus Heals Many**

<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> 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. <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 Christ.

<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 preach 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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1. Review from last week: “Everyone praised Jesus” (vs15) and “spoke well of him” (vs 22) but then he said something that made them “furious when they heard this” (vs 28) and attempt to throw him off the cliff (vs 29). What was it that he said to make them so angry?
2. How could Jesus walk through a crowd that wanted to kill him (vs 30)? Do you think Adolf Hitler or Saddam Hussein could simply walk through a crowd of a thousand American soldiers and go on his way?
3. Luke says in verse 32 that the people in Capernaum were amazed (NIV) or astonished (KJV) at his teaching. What does “astonished” mean? What has astonished you?
4. What does it mean for a message to “have authority” (vs 32)?
5. You don’t hear much about people being possessed by demons today. What would be the current day equivalent of first century demons?
6. What does this incident with the demon (verses 33-37) tell us about good and evil? What is your most compelling reason for believing in the existence of evil?
7. Re: verses 38-41. When have you found yourself overwhelmed with the needs of a person or group of people?
8. Why did Jesus heal Simon’s mother-in-law? How did he heal her?
9. Beside exorcising them, how did Jesus treat the demons (vs 41)? Why?
10. How did Jesus balance the constant exposure to the needs of others?
11. What is the benefit of solitude? How important is it to have regular times of solitude? What can you accomplish in solitude that you can’t accomplish with other people around? Do you have an adequate amount of solitude? When can you take time for solitude this coming week?
12. How did Jesus present himself as someone worth following?