

## Jesus Authority over Demons Part 2 Luke 4:31-37

- I. He preached with great power
- II. He has power over the demons

### 1. Who are the demons?

Former angels who now follow Satan

*Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon ....And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth...*  
Revelation 12:3-7

### 2. What the demons are doing now?

Opposing God's purposes

*Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against ... the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.*  
Ephesians 6:12

*But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons*  
1 Timothy 4:1

### 3. Can people sell their soul to the devil?

No, Satan already controls the unbelieving

We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.  
1 John 5:19

### 4. Can people be demon possessed today?

Not believers - but yes - however it seems to be rare.

You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.  
1 John 4:4

The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this....

I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed  
And her seed; ***He shall bruise you on the head,*** And you shall ***bruise***  
***him on the heel.*** Genesis 3:14-15

And you know what ***restrains*** him (The Antichrist) now, so that in his  
time he will be revealed. 2 Thessalonians 2:6

## 5. What do the demons know?

~ Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil

~ There is only one "Holy One" sent from God

~ Jesus rules over all things

Luke 8:1-3

Luke 8:26-31

Luke 9:37-43

Luke 11:14-23

Luke 22:1-6

Luke 22:28-34

Acts 5:12-16

Acts 16:16-19

Acts 19:11-20

## 6. Why did God allow sin and Satan?

For the full display of Christ/cross

...for the Gentiles to glorify God for His mercy....

Romans 15:9

## Questions for this week:

### I. For Starters:

1. If you were to talk of Satan or demons in a college setting, what would be the response and why?
2. How often do you pray during a week, "Lord, protect me (or us) from evil? Why so much, or so little?

### II. Overview of Scripture

1. Read Luke 4:31-37.
2. What did the demon know about Jesus and His purpose? (34)
3. How did Jesus react to the demon's presence in the man? (35)
4. What significance is it that the demon could pick Jesus out of the crowd?
5. Read verse 35 and describe what happened to the man?
6. What was the result of Jesus removing this demon and teaching with authority? (36)
7. How would you describe the phrase, "a message with authority" to another person?
8. Since synagogues often were places of false religion and teaching, what was Jesus' purpose of being there? (see Matthew 10:1-6)
9. How would you describe your present success in the power of God and in rejecting evil thoughts, lies, past hurts etc that are brought back to your memory?

### III. Growing deeper

1. Review Sunday's message with someone.
2. What would you say is the most important truth we should know about demons that attack us with wicked or false thoughts? (see James 4:7, 1 John 3:8, 2 Cor. 10:4-5 & Rev. 12:11 )
3. Pray for one another.