

The purpose & authority of Jesus

Luke 4:14-44

Series so far

- 1. Christmas narratives – Luke 1-2
- 2. Feb. 8 **Intro. and baptism**
 - **1:1-4; ch.3**
 - Jesus is real
 - Jesus is “one of us”
- 3. Feb. 15th **The temptations of Jesus**
 - **4:1-13**
 - Jesus defeats Satan
 - Jesus overcomes temptation

Luke 4:14-44

- **The purpose & authority of Jesus**
- **Authority** – not a word we like much these days. We can be influenced by society to want to reject authority, even legitimate authority. We want to be the only one with authority in our own lives. But Luke tells us that Jesus has authority.
- **Purpose** – why did Jesus come? The question mark wasn't in Jesus' mind but should be in our minds as we read Luke. Today we're going to get a clear answer, and the rest of Luke's book will explain that purpose in more details.
- It's tied to Jesus' **identity** (Who is Jesus?), which is important in today's passage and to which we'll come back in a couple of weeks, esp. Luke 9.

Three short stories

- 1) Jesus returns!
 - Vs. 14-30
- 2) Jesus 'at church'
 - Vs. 31-37
- 3) Jesus 'at home'
 - Vs. 37-44

Jesus' Authority

- 1) Over what?
- 2) Given by whom?
- 3) Recognised by whom?
- 4) To do what?

Reading

- Luke 4:13-21
- Luke 4:22-30
- Luke 4: 31-37
- Luke 4:38-44

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Jesus' Authority

- 1) Over people, sickness, demons, religious leaders etc
- 2) Given by God the Father
- 3) Recognised by demons and some people
- 4) To bring in the kingdom of God (teach, heal, save...)

Jesus' Authority

- Application:
 - 1) Does Jesus have authority over you?
 - 2) Do you recognise his authority?
 - 3) What does life look like under Jesus' authority?

Jesus' Purpose

- 1) Why did Jesus read from Isaiah 61?
- 2) How was it his 'mission statement?'
- 3) Can you think of 'Poor' people he touched?

Jesus' Purpose

- 1) Jesus was saying 'I am Messiah'
- 2) Isaiah 61 was his 'programme'
- 3) Jesus touched the marginalised

Jesus' Purpose

- Applications:
 - 1) Are you 'poor'? How?
 - 2) Have you recognised your poverty?
 - 3) Has Jesus set you free?

Jesus Rejected

- Who are we most like in these stories?
- How is the UK today like Nazareth then?
- May we never reject God's saviour !

What will you do with Jesus?

- ACCEPT ?

- REJECT ?

Next week

- Family service
- Calling of Jesus' disciples
- Luke 5:1-31