



**Series** Jesus: The Man Who is God

**Passage** Luke 4:31-44

**Title** The Authority of Jesus

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**Discussion Starter** – Given that Jesus has authority over Satan and Sin, why do we sometimes speak about God battling with Satan and Sin? What is another way to think about this with respect to our own challenges?

### **Authority over Satan (Luke 4:33-35, Luke 41-42)**

- Why would a demon possessed man attend Church? (See Matthew 16:21-23.)
- What does it mean to teach with authority in verse 4:32? How is this related to Jesus' healing the possessed man?
- What did the demon say to Jesus? What did the demon understand about Jesus' mission and what did he not understand?
- What was Jesus revealing about the purpose of his mission/kingdom by the way he cast out the demon? (See Matthew 26:53.)
- Why was Jesus able to cast out demons with only a word? How does this demonstrate the nature of Jesus' authority?
- What power did the demon have in the presence of Jesus? Can Christians become demon possessed? Can Christians be influenced by Satan? (See Matthew 16:21-23.)

### **Lordship**

- The demon knew Jesus was Lord. Is understanding that Jesus is Lord enough to be saved?
- How can you know if Jesus is your Lord?
- What did the demon ask of Jesus? What did he not ask of Jesus? How does this demonstrate an intellectual understanding of Jesus, but a lack of acceptance of Jesus' lordship and forgiving nature?

### **Authority Over Healing and Sickness (Luke 4:38-41)**

- What should our natural response be to witnessing or experiencing Jesus' healing power and authority (Luke 4:39)?
- What was Jesus' purpose in healing everybody in Luke 4:40? Why are some not healed today?
- Did Jesus' healing always instill thankfulness and awe in all he healed? (See Luke 17:11-19, Ten Lepers Cleansed.) Why is this important to remember?