

Luke 4:31-44 – The authority and power of Jesus

Who do you think he is and what do you think his main purpose is?

...Jesus has just travelled from Nazareth to Capernaum.

(show on map).

A sabbath day not to miss

... verse 32 people were blown away with the authority of Jesus words.

“Go away, 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”

“Holy one of God”

... in the service of God

... his origins are divine.

The amazement of these people is strengthened.

Jewish writings about Jesus call him “a doer of startling deeds” and they accuse him of sorcery.

Getting Jesus wrong

... heals Simon Peter’s mother in law.

After the sabbath ended crowds came with sick people (v40)

... pleaded with him to stay with them.

The good news of the Kingdom – Luke 4:43

“I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent”

The good news of the kingdom of God?

... bringing salvation to people, restoring them back to a right relationship with God

... Col 1:13-14, “*For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*”

... it is still a message for ALL people today.

For us today**1) Are demons real?**

... demon possessed people Luke is referring to here are more than just sick people.

- an evil (opposed to God) supernatural spiritual power inside them.

So why might we not see evil spirits as much in Adelaide?

2) Why did Jesus stop them from saying who he was (is it different for us today)

It is just matter of timing.

Both synagogues got Jesus wrong

Jesus came to rescue you by proclaiming the good news of the kingdom.

... Satan will not like us doing it today.

His power and authority

Col 1:12-14 ... rescued to an inheritance as his holy people in the kingdom of light, in him we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Do not stop speaking of the kingdom