

TRUE AUTHORITY

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Sermon Theme: Jesus displays His authority by proclaiming the good news, casting out demons, and healing the sick, ultimately pointing forward to His triumph over sin, disease, and the devil. Therefore, Christians should be in awe of Christ's authority and confident of His victory when He returns in glory.

I. Authority in Jesus' Ministry – Read Luke 4:31-44

- A. Why has Jesus ventured back to Capernaum in verses 31-44? What took place earlier in 4:1-30 that is critical to the context of our passage (Isaiah 61)?
- B. In verses 31-44, how does Jesus demonstrate His authority over the Word, demons, and disease?
- C. Read Luke 4:31-32;42-44. How was Jesus' teaching radically different than the religious leaders of His day?
- D. Read Luke 4:33-37;41. What observations do you make about these encounters with Jesus and demons? What is the difference between true faith in Jesus and the knowledge demons possess?

II. Authority Forever – Application

- A. Read Hebrews 1:3 and Revelation 20:11-21:5. How do these passages illuminate our understanding of Jesus' authority now and forever?
- B. How does it encourage you that Jesus' authority is divine, effective, and decisive?
- C. What are some of your greatest fears and concerns?
- D. In what ways might the sovereign authority of King Jesus grow us in confidence in the midst of fears, worries, and life concerns?