



Week 6

Sermon Series: Light Dawns Darkness Trembles

Sermon Text: Luke 4:31-37

Group Week of: July 2, 2023

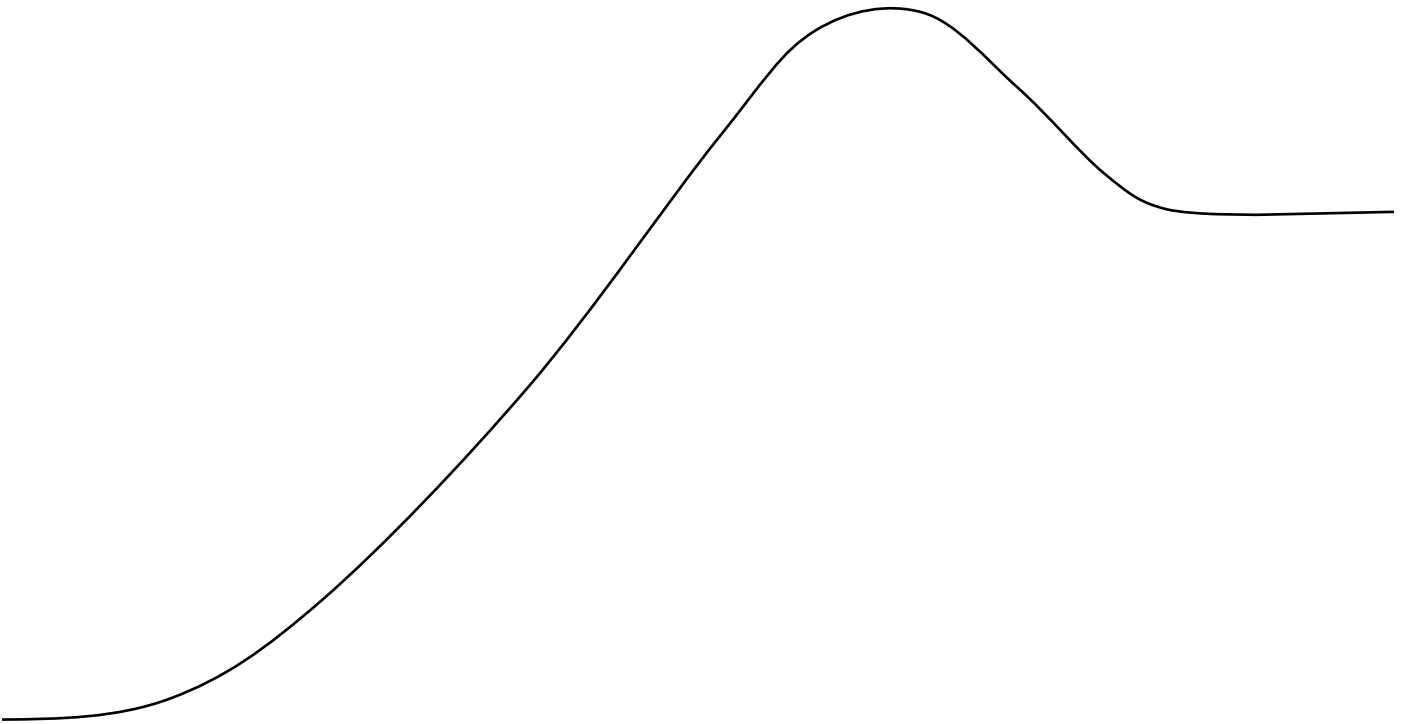
Sermon Date: July 9, 2023

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies

Day 1	Mark's Account – Mark 1:21-28
Day 2	God's Word VS Man's Word – Jer 25:23-32
Day 3	Jesus Casting out Demons – Luke 8:26-39
Day 4	The Holy One of God – Psalm 89
Day 5	The Holy One of God – John 6:60-71

The Text: Luke 4:31-37

- 1) **Read** the text slowly and carefully.
- 2) **Pray** for understanding, insight, and transformation.
- 3) **Fill in the plot arch** by writing down verses in the story as points on the plot line to help show you where the main lessons in the story are.
- 4) **Answer** the interpretive questions at the bottom.



Textual Questions

- 1) What is (are) the main lesson (lessons) that you see God teaching through Luke in this passage?
- 2) What do you learn about Jesus from the demon's words?
- 3) What do you learn about Jesus from the people's words?

Discussion Guide Questions

1. When Jesus taught the Word, He did so in a shockingly compelling way. People who heard Him preach were always amazed at the authority of His words. Why is listening to the Word taught, truthfully and authoritatively, a uniquely powerful and compelling experience? How important in the life of a believer is a regular diet of faithful preaching?
2. The demon-possessed man is inside of the synagogue. Why would a demon-possessed man want to be in the synagogue on a Sabbath day? What does this tell you about demons and their willingness to exist within religious institutions?
3. As Jesus teaches, the demon within this man cries out against Jesus. Although he knows who Jesus is, he does not know why Jesus has come. This seems to fill the demon with great fear. Why would demons be so afraid of Jesus? What does this teach you about demons and God?
4. Though the demon knows who Jesus is and that Jesus can destroy him, he still foolishly speaks up, yells in front of Jesus, and says, "I know who you are – the Holy One of God." That is how foolishly committed the demons are to going against God. They will even antagonize Jesus knowing that He can destroy them with a word. When demons like this exist in institutions like the synagogue (or in the modern era, within a church building or even congregations), what sort of work are they going to try to do, even if they know God will destroy them for it?
5. In Mark's account of this story, he adds that the people said, "What is this? A new teaching – and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him." The new message Jesus brought and the authority by which He spoke were validated when He commanded the demon to leave the man, and the demon obeyed. What, of all the things you have seen in your Christian life, reminds you most of Jesus Christ's truthfulness and authority?
6. Is your submission to Christ's authority and teaching where it should be? Are there areas of your life where, like a demon, you know Christ is Lord but resist His authority? Identify what those areas might be, and submit yourself to Christ once again.