

# Luke 4:31-44



## The breaking in of a new day!

### The text – Luke 4:31-44

1. Jesus “went down to Capernaum”. What do you know about Capernaum? Where was it? Why did Jesus go “down” to get there? Although Jesus came to live in Capernaum (see Matthew 4:13) and did many miracles there, note the words of Jesus in Luke 10:13-16.
2. In Luke 4:33-37, Jesus casts a demon out of a man in the synagogue. What do you learn about Jesus through this event? Notice the two names the demon uses: “Jesus of Nazareth” and “Holy One of God”. How are these important?
3. In Luke 4:38-39 Jesus heals Peter’s mother-in-law of a “high fever”. What do you learn about Jesus through this event? Notice the word “rebuke” that is used in 4:39. Jesus treats this sickness in the same way as he treats demons. The word “rebuke” is used again in 4:41.
4. What do you learn about Jesus in Luke 4:42-44? What was the mission of Jesus?

### The Scriptures – Luke 4:31-44 as a portion of the Scriptures

5. A demon calls Jesus “the Holy One of God” in 4:34. This is a name used of others who preceded Jesus. Look at 2 Kings 4:8-10 for example. Also consider Peter’s words as he preaches in Acts 3:11-16. Discuss again what the name “Holy One of God” means.
6. The kingdom of God is a really important term throughout the Scriptures. NT authors use it with full awareness of its important heritage in the OT Scriptures. Read some of the following important passages about the kingdom of God and discuss what sort of kingdom Jesus is proclaiming:
  - Exodus 19:1-6 – from the time of the Exodus
  - 2 Samuel 7:12-17 – the words of the prophet Nathan to King David
  - Psalm 145:10-13 – from the psalmist
  - Isaiah 9:6-7 – from the prophet Isaiah
  - Daniel 7:13-14 – from the visions in the book of Daniel

### Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Luke 4:31-44 as a portion of the Scriptures

7. According to this portion of Luke, Jesus has power and authority (4:36). Talk about some times in your life when you have experienced God’s power and authority.
8. Are there times in your life or the lives of family members and friends when there has been sickness? Affliction? Suffering? Can you talk or write about some of those times? How did Jesus help?
9. How can we pray for you and support you in your faith, hope and love for God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as we respond to this portion of Luke?