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**31** Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath he began to teach the people. **32** They were amazed at his teaching, because his message had authority.

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**Matthew 7:28-29**

**28** When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, **29** because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

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**“The Jewish teachers of Jesus’ day taught with constant appeal to rabbis and traditions of the past. Jesus teaches with a sense of originality and personal authority that astonishes the people.**

**For Luke this authority comes especially from the Spirit endowment that Jesus receives at His baptism.”**

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**Commentary**

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## **Luke 4:33-37**

**33** In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an evil spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, **34** “Ha! 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!”

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**“Significantly, Jesus is confronted by demonic activity during His first public ministry described by Luke following the introductory sermon at Nazareth. The “good news of the kingdom of God” Jesus was proclaiming signaled an attack on the forces of evil. Luke wants us to understand the centrality of the kingdom in Jesus’ ministry and in that of His disciples. A holy war is being launched, and the demons know it.”**

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**35** “Be quiet!” Jesus said sternly.

“Come out of him!” Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him. **36**

All the people were amazed and said to each other, “What is this teaching? With authority and power he gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!” **37** And the news about him spread throughout the surrounding area.

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**“The people were amazed at Jesus’ authority to drive out demons-evil spirits ruled by Satan and sent to harass people, tempt them to sin, and ultimately destroy them. Demons are fallen angels who have joined Satan in rebellion against God. Jesus faced many demons during His time on earth, and He always exerted authority over them.”**

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**“Jesus did not want to be publicly espoused as the Christ due to the political misconceptions associated with that title.”**

**Robert Stein**

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**Luke 4:38-41**

**38** Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. **39** So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

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**“Just as Jesus rebuked the demon, so now He rebukes the fever. This does not mean that the fever is a demonic presence. Though illness was often associated with spiritual oppression in the ancient world and is sometimes linked in Luke’s Gospel, elsewhere in Luke Jesus’ healings are distinguished from His exorcisms.”**

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**“Jesus’ rebuke is meant rather to demonstrate His authoritative power over all illness. Disease, like demonic oppression, is part of the evil fallen world that Jesus came to save.”**

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**40** When the sun was setting, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them.

**41** Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Christ.

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**“Turning to views [of miracles today], some argue that while God still occasionally performs miracles today, there is no gift of miracles in the church-that is no one performs miracles as Jesus and the apostles did.**

**This position is called cessationism. Others argue that the gift of miracles still function today, so that one can have a ministry like that of Jesus.”**

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**Luke 4:42-44**

**42** At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. **43** But he said, “I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent.” **44** And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

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**“Jesus showed what ministry is. It starts with a relationship with God in the lonely place of prayer. No ministry is sufficient if it does not have the daily prayer base. Prayer guides the minister to the right relationship, the right beliefs, and the right places and opportunities for ministry. Prayer is the ministry enabler.”**

**Trent Butler**



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**Mark 1:15**

**“The time has come,” he said.**

**“The kingdom of God has  
come near. Repent and believe  
the good news!”**

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## **Inaugurated Eschatology:**

**Inaugurated eschatology is a term used to describe the belief that the end times (or latter days) were inaugurated at the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. In other words, Jesus’ bringing of the Kingdom of**

**God has both a present and future aspects. Sometimes called the “already but not yet,” it argues that the end is already here, but not yet consummated.”**

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**“In Jewish thought God’s kingdom could refer both to His sovereign reign over the whole universe and to the consummation of that reign through the establishment of a righteous kingdom on earth. To state that “God’s kingdom” is near to most first-century Jews meant that God is about to intervene in human affairs to deliver the righteous, judge the wicked, and bring in an era of peace, justice, and righteousness.”**

# Applications

- **We can trust that Jesus' kingdom is here now**
- **We can trust in the power of Jesus**
- **We need to pray often as Jesus did**

# Final Thoughts

**“The miracles reveal where the real battle for humanity lies and how Jesus has authority to overcome such obstacles. When Jesus acts to exorcize demons and to cure disease, both cosmic forces and diseases become subject to His will. That Jesus possesses such total authority should grip us and cause us to reflect that He is capable of delivering on His promises to save.”**

**Darrell Bock**

# Final Thoughts

## James 2:19

**You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.**

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## Ephesians 2:1-10

**1** As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, **2** in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

**3** All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. **4** But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, **5** made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace you have been saved.



**6** And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, **7** in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. **8** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—

**9** not by works, so that no one can  
boast. **10** For we are God's  
handiwork, created in Christ Jesus  
to do good works, which God  
prepared in advance for us to do.