



MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

Jesus' Jubilee Weekend in Capernaum

Bible Reading: Lk. 4:18-19; Lev. 25; Isa. 61:1-2

Jesus Proclaims The Year of Jubilee in Nazareth (Lk. 4:18-19; Lev. 25; Isa. 61:1-2)

- A. What was the Year of Jubilee?
 1. Showing God's heart for a society built around rest, healing, & recovery
 2. God's message to his people to not be in endless bondage to work & greed, but to enjoy rest
- B. Was it ever carried out? No real evidence of it, or at least not consistently
- C. How did Jesus bring in the reality of it?
- D. Jesus proclaimed, "Today!"

On the Morning of the Sabbath, Jesus is in the Synagogue (Lk. 4:31-37)

- A. Capernaum
 1. A significant place
 2. Elevation in comparison to Nazareth
 3. A major Jewish center in the region
- B. In the morning, Jesus taught in the synagogue with authority (vv. 31-32)
 1. Scribes of that day merely quoted older rabbis from earlier eras & therefore lacked authority
 2. Jesus didn't teach like the Scribes taught, but he taught with authority
 3. Jesus' authority is recognized
 4. Jesus begins to fulfill his words from Nazareth
- C. Jesus cast an unclean, demonic spirit out of a synagogue man & people saw Jesus' authority (v. 36)
 1. What is the significance of an unclean, demonic spirit? (Zech. 13:2)

2. Is there any significance to this being Jesus' first act in his ministry?

At Noon, Jesus Demonstrated his Authority by Healing Simon's Mother-in-Law (Lk. 4:38-39)

1. Lunch at Simon's house is another opportunity for Jesus to demonstrate his authority
2. Fulfilling Jesus' prophetic announcement in Nazareth
3. Simon's mother-in-law serves as a pattern of gratitude in all who are delivered

In the Evening, Jesus laid his hands on those with various diseases & demons came out (Lk. 4:40-41)

The Following Morning, Jesus Declared His Mission to the People of Capernaum (Lk. 4:42-44)

- A. The people want Jesus to stay with them
- B. Jesus' God-given purpose, "*To proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to others also.*" (v. 43)

Parallel Events in Jesus' Ministry in Nazareth & Capernaum

Are We Embracing or Rejecting Jesus' Authority & Blessing?

- A. The blessing of God cannot be possessed, contained, or limited for our own purposes
- B. There is hope for the worst of us
- C. Release people in the name of Jesus
- D. The practical implications
- E. What are we to make of Jesus saying to his disciples, "*All authority in heaven & on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, & make disciples of all nations...*"? (Matt. 28:18-19a)