

23 And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country.

24 And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country.

25 But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land;

26 But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow.

27 And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian.

28 And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath,

29 And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.

30 But he passing through the midst of them went on his way,

31 And came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the sabbath days.

32 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.

33 And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice,

34 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God.

The Gospel of **LUKE**

Lesson 11

Chapter 4 - Verses 23-44

Upset Congregation

Chapter 4, Verses 23-30 - The preaching of Jesus made some people very angry.

1. When the people heard that Jesus claimed to be the Messiah, they became **angry** in their hearts.
2. Jesus **knew** the people would say to Him, "Physician, heal yourself!"
3. Jesus **knew** the people would say to Him, "Do here in your hometown (Nazareth) what we heard you did in Capernaum."
4. Jesus **told** the people that no prophet is ever welcomed in his hometown.
5. Jesus **told** the people that God did not send Elijah to Israel, but God sent Elijah to a Gentile widow living in Sidon.
6. Jesus **told** the people that when Elisha was ministering, he was not sent to any of the lepers in Israel. Instead he was sent to the Gentile leper Naaman, captain of the Syrian army.
7. When the people heard the words of Jesus, they **threw** him out of the synagogue and took him to a cliff at the edge of the village.
8. The group of people wanted to throw Jesus off the cliff, but Jesus miraculously **walked** through the crowd and left the city.



Even Jesus himself was **not** accepted as a prophet in his hometown. Many people have a similar attitude. Don't be surprised if your Christian life is not easily understood or accepted by those who know you well. - LASB



The people Jesus preached too considered women, Gentiles, and lepers the bottom of the social scale. But Jesus placed all three **above** unbelieving Jews!



The Bible teaches us to speak the truth in love, but sometimes people may become **angry** with you because of the truth.

Unclean Devil

Chapter 4, Verses 31-37 - Jesus shows His authority in preaching and over evil.

1. Jesus left Nazareth and went to Capernaum, a village in Galilee, to **teach** the people on the Sabbath.
2. The people of Capernaum were surprised and impressed that Jesus' teaching was so confident and **authoritative**.

Unclean Devil

Chapter 4, Verses 31-37 - Jesus shows His authority in preaching and over evil.

3. While at the Synagogue, Jesus **met** a man with an unclean devil.
4. The unclean devil **screamed** at Jesus to leave them alone.
5. The unclean devil **knew** that Jesus was the Holy one of God.
6. Jesus told the unclean devil to be **quiet** and **come out** of the man.
7. The unclean devil **threw** the man to the ground, left him and the demon did not hurt him.
8. All the people were **amazed** at what they saw, and the news of Jesus and His power spread all over the country.



A man possessed by a demon was in the synagogue where Jesus was teaching. This man verbally abused Jesus. It is naive to think that we will be **sheltered** from evil in the church.



Jesus' authority is much greater than Satan's, and where Jesus is present, demons cannot **stay** for long.

Unlimited Power

Chapter 4, Verses 38-44: - Jesus shows His power over disease and demons.

1. Jesus leaves the Synagogue and goes to Simon Peter's **house**.
2. Simon's mother-in-law was running a high fever and the family asked Jesus to **help** her.
3. Jesus told the fever to **leave** - and it **left**. Before they knew it, Simon's mother-in-law was up ministering to them.
4. In the evening, everyone who had anyone sick came to Jesus. One by one Jesus placed his hands on them and **healed** them.
5. Demons were also **cast** out of many people, screaming, "Son of God! You're the Son of God!"
6. Jesus refused to let the demons **speak** because Jesus wanted his listeners to believe He was the Messiah because of His words, not because of the demons' words.
7. The next day, Jesus left to get away. But the crowds went **looking** for Him, and when they found Him, they wouldn't let Him go.
8. Jesus told the crowds that He had to **preach** in other cities also.
9. Jesus continued **preaching** in the Synagogues of Galilee.



Jesus healed Simon's mother-in-law so completely that not only did the fever leave but her strength was restored, and immediately she got up and took care of others' needs. What a beautiful attitude of service she showed! **God gives us health so that we may serve others.** - LASB

35 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not.

36 And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.

37 And the fame of him went out into every place of the country round about.

38 And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her.

39 And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them.

40 Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.

41 And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.

42 And when it was day, he departed and went into a desert place: and the people sought him, and came unto him, and stayed him, that he should not depart from them.

43 And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent.

44 And he preached in the synagogues of Galilee.

When Jesus shows up, things will change. - KJL