

Jesus Validates His Deity



Luke 5:1-26

Last week we saw ...

- Jesus Read Isaiah 61:1-2

Luke 4:18–19 (NASB95) — 18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, And recovery of sight to the blind, To set free those who are oppressed, 19 To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.”

- He then sits down and claimed it's fulfillment in Him

The people's reaction?

Luke 4:29 (NASB95) — 29 and they got up and drove Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city had been built, in order to throw Him down the cliff.

- Supernaturally, He passes through their midst
- Goes on to heal many and drive out many demons

Theme

“Jesus proves His deity by the authority of His teaching, His authority over creation, His power in calling men to Himself, His ability to heal incurable diseases, and His ability to forgive sin”

The Authority of Jesus' Teaching (1-3)

"lake of Gennesaret": Sea of Galilee

Galilee population: 3 mill people +

Question: What does the text say was drawing the people to Jesus?

lit: "listening to the word spoken that came directly from God"

Psychological Gospel-God just wants to fix you, to give you self esteem, to give you identity, deal with all your issues

Social Gospel- Christ came to deal with social injustices (poor, racial equality, etc) and to disbelieve this is to no hold to the true gospel

Prosperity Gospel- God wants to heal you and make you rich

Current evangelical gospel- God is all about fulfilling your dreams, you have desires, God gave those to you...just say yes to Him and he will do it

Jesus' authority over creation (4-7)

Jesus command: Obey My words

"Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch."

Simon's Response: Obedience

"Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but I will do as You say and let down the nets."

- In v. 5-he calls Jesus "Master"- his was a respectful term for one in charge
- In v. 8, Simon refers to Jesus as "Lord"-Kurios

Simon's response to Jesus as God?

"he fell down at Jesus' feet, saying, "Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man!"

Jesus' authority to call men to Himself (8-11)

Mercy-"Do not fear"

Empowered for Ministry-"you will be catching men"

Their response- "they left everything and followed Him"

catching men (zōgreō), literally means, "to capture alive." They had spent their lives catching fish for the purpose of killing them; now they would spend the rest of their lives catching men to give them life. Isaiah feared he would be destroyed, but instead was called to preach (Isa. 6:8-11). John feared that he would be destroyed, but instead was called to write (Rev. 1:19). Divine grace and mercy moved Peter, James, and John from cringing fear of judgment to evangelizing the lost, laying the groundwork for the great commission. (MacArthur)

Jesus' authority to heal incurable diseases (12-16)

The Stigma of Leprosy

- incurable at that time
- Seen as a curse from God for sin
- Unclean and banished from society

The extent of this man's condition

- "Covered in Leprosy"

The leper's desperation

- fell on his face and implored Him
- "proskuneo" (used in the OT to identify someone who is bowed down, prostrate in worship)

Jesus' compassion and power

- touched him
- instantaneous and complete healing

Jesus' request

- Have Priest examine you and go through purification process
- Evidence affirmed Jesus...Priest could accept or harden his heart

Jesus authority to forgive sin (17-25)

The Lord's providential set up (17-19)

The Pharisees and Scribes Gather

Jesus' empowerment to heal

A Paralytic arrives carried by his faithful friends

Jesus' proclamation (20)

Jesus confronts the religious leaders (21-25)

The Leaders accusation: Jesus is merely a man and guilty of blasphemy (21)

Jesus validates His authority to forgive sins (22-25)

1.By knowing their thoughts (22-23)

2.By validating His claims with a miracle (24-25)

Conclusion

A responsive faith:

Simon, James, and John

The Leper

The Paralytic

A Hardened Response:

The religious leaders

An amazed but unbelieving response:

Many in the crowds