

The Gospel of **LUKE**



Chapter 4:31-44
When God's in Charge

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³¹ Then Jesus went to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and taught there in the synagogue every Sabbath day. ³² There, too, the people were amazed at his teaching, for he spoke with authority.



THE AUTHORITY OF GOD'S KINGDOM IS REVEALED IN CHRIST'S TEACHINGS



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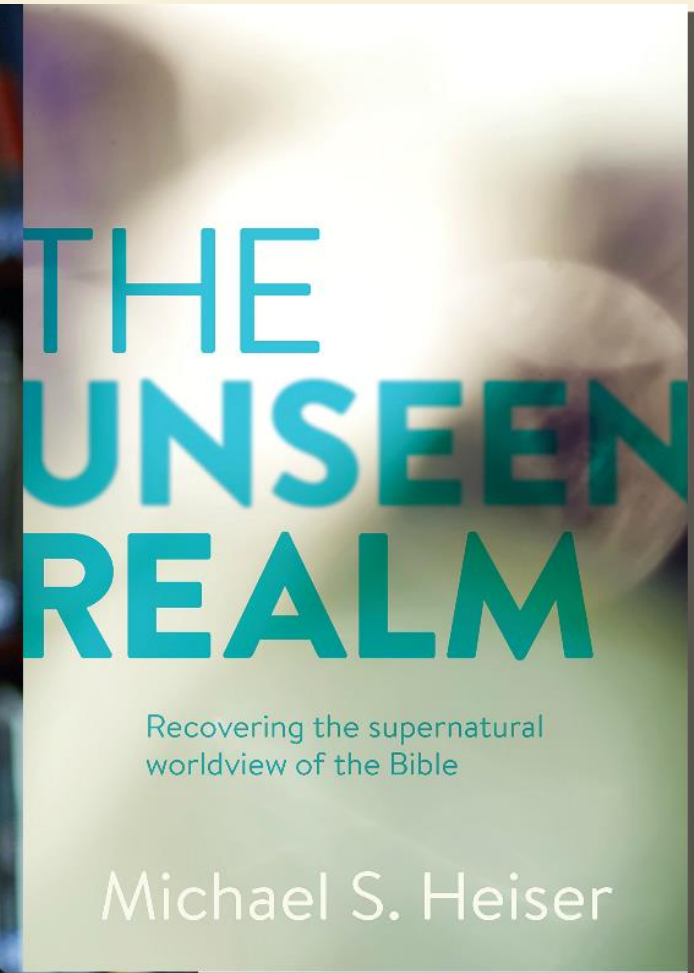
³³ Once when he was in the synagogue, a man possessed by a demon—an evil spirit—began shouting at Jesus, ³⁴ “Go away! Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” ³⁵ Jesus cut him short. “Be quiet! Come out of the man,” he ordered.

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At that, the demon threw the man to the floor as the crowd watched; then it came out of him without hurting him further. ³⁶ Amazed, the people exclaimed, “What authority and power this man’s words possess! Even evil spirits obey him, and they flee at his command!” ³⁷ The news about Jesus spread through every village in the entire region.



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THE AUTHORITY OF GOD'S KINGDOM CHALLENGES AND OVERCOMES EVIL



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³⁸ After leaving the synagogue that day, Jesus went to Simon's home, where he found Simon's mother-in-law very sick with a high fever. "Please heal her," everyone begged. ³⁹ Standing at her bedside, he rebuked the fever, and it left her. And she got up at once and prepared a meal for them.

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⁴⁰ As the sun went down that evening, people throughout the village brought sick family members to Jesus. No matter what their diseases were, the touch of his hand healed every one. ⁴¹ Many were possessed by demons; and the demons came out at his command, shouting, “You are the Son of God!” But because they knew he was the Messiah, he rebuked them and refused to let them speak.

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⁴² Early the next morning Jesus went out to an isolated place. The crowds searched everywhere for him, and when they finally found him, they begged him not to leave them. ⁴³ But he replied, “I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God in other towns, too, because that is why I was sent.” ⁴⁴ So he continued to travel around, preaching in synagogues throughout Judea.



THE AUTHORITY OF GOD'S KINGDOM EMPOWERS OUR LIVES WITH MEANING AND PURPOSE



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