

## **Authoritative, Healing Kingdom of Christ**

Luke 4:38-44

- 1) Jesus exercises authority over our physical realm tainted by sin (38-40)
  - a) He heals with a simple word (cf. Matt. 8:5-13)
  - b) He heals instantly (cf. Mark 5:29; Luke 5:13; 17:14; John 5:8-9)
  - c) He heals completely (Luke 5:12; Matt 11:5)
  - d) He heals without prejudice (Matt 12:15)
  - e) His healing transcends psychosomatic illness & minor pains
  - f) Jesus raised the dead (cf. John 11:14-44)
  - g) His apostles healed likewise (Acts 3:2-8; 9:33-36; 14:8-10; 20:9-12; 28:8-9)
- 2) Jesus exercises authority over the supernatural kingdom of darkness (4:31-36, 41)
  - a) Demons know Jesus is God, and shudder
  - b) Demons bow to Jesus' authoritative rebukes
- 3) Jesus exercises His authority through preaching the gospel to all (42-44)
- 4) Though God in nature, Jesus was human (4:42; cf. John 1:1-3, 14)
  - a) Humans need rest to serve God's people well
  - b) Humans need prayer to allow God to work through them