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# WHEN THE KINGDOM BREAKS IN

*Luke 4:36-44*

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- Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, “What a word this *is!* For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out.”
- <sup>37</sup> And the report about Him went out into every place in the surrounding region.
- <sup>38</sup> Now He arose from the synagogue and entered Simon’s house. But Simon’s wife’s mother was sick with a high fever, and they made request of Him concerning her.

## Luke 4:36-44

- <sup>39</sup> So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them.
- <sup>40</sup> When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.
- <sup>41</sup> And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, “You are the Christ, the Son of God!” And He, rebuking *them*, did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ.

## Luke 4:36-44

- <sup>42</sup> Now when it was day, He departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowd sought Him and came to Him, and tried to keep Him from leaving them;
- <sup>43</sup> but He said to them, “I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent.”
- <sup>44</sup> And He was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.

# Isaiah's Prophecy

Earlier in the chapter, Jesus stood in the synagogue and read from Isaiah:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor... **to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.**” (Isaiah 61:1–2)

# Introduction

- That statement meant:
- “**Today** this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” (Luke 4:21)
- The Messiah had arrived
- The Kingdom of God was breaking into history
- The Day of the Lord’s favor had begun

# What this statement means:

Jesus didn't just announce the Kingdom.  
He demonstrated it.

- The Messiah had arrived
- The Kingdom of God was breaking into history
- The Day of the Lord's favor had begun

# “TODAY”

- σήμερον (sēmeron)
- It simply means “today”, “this day,” or “at this very time.”
- It can refer to:
  - 1. The literal present day
  - 2. The present moment or occasion
  - 3. The arrival of a new era or fulfillment

# “TODAY”

- It is the arrival of the Messiah Himself.

The prophecy is fulfilled because:

- The Anointed One is present
- The Kingdom has begun breaking in
- The Day of the Lord’s favor has started

# The Evidence of the Kingdom

- Luke 4:36
- “Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, ‘What a word this is! **For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out.**’

The people are stunned by two things:

- His Word
- His Authority

# The Evidence of the Kingdom

- Earlier in the chapter He cast out a demon simply by speaking.
- This was not magic.
- This was Kingdom authority.
- When a king enters a territory, his authority expels all rival powers.
- That is exactly what Jesus is doing.

# Old Testament Fulfilment

- The prophets foretold that when Messiah came, God's saving power would invade the world.
- “Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then the lame shall leap like a deer.” (Isaiah 35:5–6)
- They were signs that the promised Kingdom had arrived.

# Application

- Jesus still has absolute authority.
- Authority over demons
- Authority over sickness
- Authority over sin
- Authority over death
  
- When believers pray, we do not pray to a powerless religious figure.
  
- We pray to the King who commands reality.

# The Compassion of the King

- Luke 4:38–40 - “Now He arose from the synagogue and entered Simon’s house. But Simon’s wife’s mother was sick with a high fever... So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her.”

# The Compassion of the King

- Jesus moves from public ministry to private compassion.
- A woman with a fever.
- Not a national crisis.
- Not a major public miracle.
- Yet Jesus stops.

# Messiah Prophesied to Heal

- “Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.” (Isaiah 53:4)
- The Hebrew words there can literally refer to sickness and suffering.
- Matthew later quotes this prophecy when describing Jesus’ healing ministry.

# Messiah Prophesied to Heal

Healing miracles show us that:

- God's Kingdom restores what sin destroyed.

Sin Brought:

- sickness
- death
- suffering
- demonic oppression

# Messiah Prophesied to Heal

But when Christ comes:

- creation begins to be restored.
- Miracles are not merely about temporary relief.
- They are signposts of redemption.

# CHRIST'S DECLARATION

- He is declaring:
- “The curse is losing its grip.”
- That is why the Kingdom message always includes hope for restoration.
- The Defeat of the Kingdom of Darkness

# When the Kingdom Breaks In

- Luke 4:41
- “And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of God!’ And He rebuked them and did not allow them to speak.”

# Even Demons Know who Christ is

- The demons recognize something the crowds are still struggling to see.
- **They know:**
- The Messiah has arrived.
- But Jesus silences them.
- **Why?**
- Because He will reveal His identity on His terms.

# When the Kingdom Breaks In

- Kingdom Conflict
- The coming of the Kingdom always produces spiritual conflict.

From Genesis 3:15 onward, Scripture describes a battle between:

- the seed of the serpent
- the seed of the woman
- Jesus is the promised seed who crushes the serpent's power.

# Christians must remember:

- The Christian life is lived in spiritual warfare.
- But the good news is this:
- We fight from victory, not for victory.
- Christ has already defeated Satan.
- at His ministry
- at the cross
- through the resurrection

# The Mission of the King

- “I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent.”
- Jesus did not come primarily as a healer.
- He came as a King proclaiming the Kingdom.
- Miracles supported the message.

# The Power of God

## God's Power Revealed

- demons flee
- sickness is challenged
- sinners are forgiven
- lives are transformed

# **Already and Not Yet Kingdom**

- Present in Christ's ministry
- Future in its full completion.

# When the Kingdom IS Consummated

- sickness will end
- death will be defeated
- creation will be restored
- The Kingdom of God is open to all who repent and trust in Christ.