

## Introduction

Jesus has just begun His public ministry. He was empowered by the Holy Spirit, and then He was led into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. After He leaves the wilderness, He goes back to His home town, Nazareth. He quotes Isaiah 61 and tells them that this has been fulfilled in their hearing. What did He read that had been fulfilled? Jesus read that the Spirit of the Lord God was upon Him. He had been anointed to bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners.

(Isaiah 61:1-3) "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, Because the LORD has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives And freedom to prisoners..."

Jesus had just been anointed by the Holy Spirit at the time He was baptized by John the Baptist. The Holy Spirit had come down upon Him like a dove and remained on Him. By the way, the word anointed is chrio. Jesus is short for Jeshua, which means Jehovah saves or Savior. Jesus Christ means Anointed Savior. Jesus has just told them that He is the anointed savior which had been prophesied by Isaiah.

The crowds asked for the same miracles as He had done in Capernaum. He tells them that a prophet is without honor in His own hometown. This enrages the crowds and they try to throw Him off a cliff. Luke tells us that He passed through their midst and went His way. He went down to Capernaum, where Peter and his wife lived. Capernaum is on the northern top of the Sea of Gallilee. Luke says He went down to Capernaum. It is up in direction, but it is down in elevation.

When Jesus began teaching the people on the Sabbath, **people were amazed at Jesus' teaching, because His message was with authority.**

(Luke 4:31-32) "And He came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and He was teaching them on the Sabbath; {32} and they were amazed at His teaching, for His message was with authority."

While Jesus was at the synagogue, a man possessed with an unclean spirit or demon cried out, "Leave us alone." Jesus rebuked the demon, telling it to be quiet and come out of the man. Again, the people were amazed and commented on the power and authority that Jesus had to cast out demons. **People were amazed that Jesus had authority over demons.**

(Luke 4:36-37) "And amazement came upon them all, and they began talking with one another saying, "What is this message? For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits and they come out." {37} And the report about Him was spreading into every locality in the surrounding district."

The first amazement was over Jesus' teaching. He taught with authority. The second amazement was over His authority and power over demons or unclean spirits. All of this has happened on a Sabbath. In our passage today, we pick up where we left off last week, and Jesus is leaving the synagogue to go to Simon Peter's house. Let's read our passage.

(Luke 4:38-44) "Then He got up and left the synagogue, and entered Simon's home. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Him to help her. {39} And standing over her, He rebuked the fever, and it left her; and she immediately got up and waited on them. {40} While the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and laying His hands on each one of them, He was healing them. {41} Demons also were coming out of many, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But rebuking them, He would not allow them to speak, because they knew Him to be the Christ. {42} When day came, Jesus left and went to a secluded place; and the crowds were searching for Him, and came to Him and tried to keep Him from going away from them. {43} But He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose." {44} So He kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea."

We see in our passage today that Jesus, the anointed Savior has power and authority over sickness and over demons. We also see in this passage that Jesus has a clear sense of direction and purpose in His ministry. It may appear that these two thoughts are disconnected, but they are clearly related to one another. This morning, we are going to look at Jesus' source of authority, and His source of direction in His life. This is how He was able to stay focused on what He has been sent to do.

### 1. The Source of Authority and Power

As you recall, in Luke 3, Jesus was baptized by John. When He was praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon Him like a dove and remained.

(Luke 3:21-22) "Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened, {22} and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."

We also looked at John's gospel account. God had revealed to John that the one whom he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and remaining was the Son of God. Notice that John says that Jesus has a higher rank than he did, for He existed before him. John was born roughly six months earlier than Jesus, so in the natural, John is older. John recognized that **before coming in the flesh, Jesus existed, and had all authority.** Jesus is God in the flesh. Jesus has always existed. As God, Jesus had all authority. He had authority over heaven and earth, and everything in them.

(John 1:30-34) "This is He on behalf of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.' {31} "I did not recognize Him, but so that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing in water." {32} John testified saying, "I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him. {33} "I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.' {34} "I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God."

But, when Jesus came in the flesh, He laid down that authority and those rights. He was fully God and He was fully man. Paul tells us in Philippians that even though He existed in the form of God, He did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped. **Jesus emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and was made in the likeness of men.** He laid down his power and authority.

(Phil 2:6-7) “who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, {7} but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.”

However, **when Jesus was baptized with the Holy Spirit, He was anointed with power and authority.** After He was baptized, He was led into the wilderness to be tempted. Then, we saw in Luke 4:14 that when He returned to Galilee, He returned in the power of the Spirit. Something had changed. Jesus had been given power and authority by the Spirit. What Jesus had read from Isaiah 61 had been fulfilled. He had been anointed to preach the gospel.

(Luke 4:14) “And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district.”

I want to look at anointing for just a minute. When a king was set in place, they would anoint the king with oil. The Hebrew word is **mashach, which means to smear, rub with oil, or anoint.** For example, when Samuel gave the prophetic word that David was to become king, the elders of Israel came to him and anointed him as king over Israel. They rubbed or smeared oil on him and made him king. The anointing gave David the power and authority to rule as the king of Israel.

(1 Chron 11:3) “So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the LORD; and they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD through Samuel.”

The priests were also anointed. In Leviticus, the Lord told Moses to consecrate the tabernacle and Aaron and his sons. How did they consecrate them? They anointed them with oil. They poured some of the anointing oil on their heads and mashach or smeared oil on them. The word consecrate means to set apart and to make holy. The priests had been set apart or made holy to enter into the tabernacle and to offer burnt offerings, sin offerings, and peace offerings for themselves and the people.

(Lev 8:10-12) “Moses then took the anointing oil and anointed the tabernacle and all that was in it, and consecrated them. {11} He sprinkled some of it on the altar seven times and anointed the altar and all its utensils, and the basin and its stand, to consecrate them. {12} Then he poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron's head and anointed him, to consecrate him.”

**Jesus was anointed as the King and the Messiah.** He has been consecrated or set apart for the work that the Father has given Him to do. Jesus has been given the authority and power to preach the gospel. This is what Jesus read from Isaiah in the temple that has been fulfilled. Our passage today is the evidence of that anointing and the first fruits. When Jesus leaves the temple, He was teaching with authority. He was setting free the captives by the same anointing. It was the power and authority that came when He was anointed by the Holy Spirit when He was baptized.

#### **A. Power and Authority over sickness**

When Jesus enters Peter's house, He is asked to help Simon Peter's mother in law, who is down with a high fever. **Jesus rebuked the fever and it left Simon Peter's mother-in-law.** There was an immediate healing, evidenced by the fact that she got up and waited on them. (This is how to get along with your mother-in-law; heal her.)

(Luke 4:38-39) “Then He got up and left the synagogue, and entered Simon's home. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Him to help her. {39} And standing over her, He rebuked the fever, and it left her; and she immediately got up and waited on them.”

In Luke 24 Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they were clothed with power. Then, in Acts, just before Pentecost, He told the disciples that they were going to be baptized with the Holy Spirit and they were going to be His witnesses. You and I are to be anointed with the Holy Spirit so that we can preach the gospel and set free the captive. You and I have been given that same authority that Jesus was given.

(Luke 24:49) “And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

(Acts 1:8) “but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

Notice in Matthew 28 that Jesus says, “all authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go...” He had authority and He has given us the authority to preach the gospel and make disciples. We call this delegated authority. It is authority to do what He has called us to do.

(Matt 28:18-20) “And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. {19} "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, {20} teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Therefore, **we have been given authority over sickness and disease.** When we pray and minister over people, it is right to speak to the condition in the same manner as Jesus. He rebuked the fever. We can rebuke fever. We can rebuke cancer. We can rebuke sickness. God has given us authority to do this. Many times we ask God to heal the person, and He has charged us with this responsibility. He wants us to move in the authority that He has given us.

## **B. Power and Authority over demons**

Luke goes on to say that while the sun was setting, all those who had any sick with various diseases brought them to Jesus. The setting of the sun brought in the next day. This was the Sabbath and according to their doctrines of men, they couldn't heal on the Sabbath. Therefore, when the sun was setting, they brought Jesus the sick so that He could heal them. Jesus laid His hands on them and healed them.

(Luke 4:40) “While the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and laying His hands on each one of them, He was healing them.”

Luke records that demons were coming out of many, shouting “You are the Son of God!” Jesus rebuked the demons, just as He had rebuked the fever. He did not allow them to speak. Jesus had authority over demons, just as He had authority over sickness and disease.

(Luke 4:41) "Demons also were coming out of many, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But rebuking them, He would not allow them to speak, because they knew Him to be the Christ."

I want to pause for a minute to talk about a few things. First, demons were coming out of many of those who were sick and diseased. **Many sicknesses are caused by demons.** It does not say that demons were coming out of all the sick, but that demons were coming out of many of them. I believe it is wrong to try and cast out demons from everyone who is sick or needs healing. There are many sources of sickness.

I am over the age of forty. Something happened when I got to my mid forties. All at once my hair turned silver. My vision got a little blurry. I had to start wearing glasses to correct my vision. I did not receive a blind demon; it is called aging. You and I have a body that is perishing. We have a finite physical body that wears out. In fact, God put a limit of 120 years for man to live. Moses tells us in Psalm 90 that the average age is between seventy and eighty. Thousands of years after he wrote this, even with modern medicine, the average life expectancy has not changed much. It is still between seventy and eighty.

We live in a fallen world and there are things that happen. If someone is involved in an automobile crash and breaks a leg, his leg needs healing, but it does not mean that he has a demon. **There are many sources of sickness. We need wisdom and discernment when we pray for people.** We need to discern when something is demonic and when it is not demonic. When it is demonic, we need to rebuke the demon and set the captive free. When it is not demonic, we need to rebuke the sickness and speak to the condition. **Jesus gave power and authority to preach the gospel and set free the captive.**

Next, notice in the text that the demons knew the identity of Jesus. They knew He was the Son of God. They knew He was the Christ or the Anointed One. They knew Jesus as the Creator. They knew Jesus before He took the form of man and became Immanuel. There is speculation about why Jesus did not allow them to speak. Some say that He did not want His identity given out. I do not believe that to be the case. Before His birth, God identified who He was. At His birth, the angels announced who He was. At His baptism, God spoke and clearly identified Jesus. At the temple earlier in the day, He had proclaimed that He was the anointed Messiah and Savior. Personally, I do not believe this to be the case.

We saw a couple of weeks ago that Jesus was tempted in the wilderness by the devil. Satan twisted things around. He told half-truths. Nothing that he says can be trusted. The Devil is called a liar. In John 8, Jesus accuses some of the Jews of being of the devil. He says that the devil was a murderer and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. He says that he is a liar and the father of lies. Therefore, anything that the devil or his demons would say could not be trusted. Even though they knew Jesus to be Christ, their witness and remarks could not be trusted and would only bring confusion. Therefore, Jesus did not want them saying anything about His identity.

(John 8:44) "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

I also believe Jesus silenced the demons for our sakes. He wanted us to know that He had authority over the demons. He had authority to shut them up. He had authority to cast them out. He had authority to send them wherever He chose. He had complete authority over them. And, He has given that authority to us. When we are praying over someone and we sense there is demonic activity, we can bind the demon. We can command it identify itself or to keep quiet. We can command the demon to come out. We have authority over the demons.

In Mark 16, when Jesus gave us the mandate to preach the gospel, He said, "these signs will accompany those who have believed; in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues...they will lay hands on the sick and they will recover." He gave power and authority to the church to heal and to cast out demons.

(Mark 16:17-18) "These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; {18} they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Sometimes it sounds easier than it really is. In Matthew 17, a man came up to Jesus and asked Him to heal his son. Jesus' disciples had not been able to cast out the demon. Matthew says that the boy was a lunatic and was very ill. He would often fall into fire or water. There were things that were not natural going on in this boy. The man had brought the boy to the disciples, but they were not able to heal him. Jesus rebuked the demon and it came out of him, and the boy was cured at once.

(Matt 17:14-21) "When they came to the crowd, a man came up to Jesus, falling on his knees before Him and saying, {15} "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is a lunatic and is very ill; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. {16} "I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not cure him." {17} And Jesus answered and said, "You unbelieving and perverted generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him here to Me." {18} And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured at once."

The disciples then asked why they were not able to drive out the demon. Jesus told them it was because of the littleness of their faith. Then, He told them that this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting. When we spend time fasting and praying, our faith is built up. Furthermore, we are filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Sometimes, it takes a greater measure of faith to deliver someone from certain demons.

(Matt 17:19-21) "Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not drive it out?" {20} And He \*said to them, "Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. {21} ["But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."]

There are also levels of authority on earth and in the heavens. When my son, David, was in boot camp, they made him memorize the chain of command from his Sargent all the way up to the President of the United States. There is a chain of command. There are levels of authority here in the natural.

There are also levels of authority in the spiritual realm. In Daniel, we find that there was a Prince of Persia that was hindering Daniel from receiving his answer from the Lord. Michael was the arch angel that was over Persia, which is where Daniel was living. He came over and stopped the Prince of Persia from hindering the angel from giving Daniel the message. (See Daniel 10:1-21.)

When my daughter, Amy, was a baby, she had a cold that just would not go away. We prayed for her. We had the other elders pray over her. Finally, we had the Senior Pastor pray over her, and she was immediately healed. It was a higher level of authority and it was broken.

## 2. The Source for Direction

This leads us into the next point, the need for prayer. Luke records that when day came, Jesus left and went to a secluded place. The term day here would mean the whole day, the twenty-four hour period. It is not referring to daylight. The Jewish day begins with evening and then the light. This comes from Genesis 1:5, where "God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day."

(Luke 4:42) "When day came, Jesus left and went to a secluded place; and the crowds were searching for Him, and came to Him and tried to keep Him from going away from them."

(Gen 1:5) "God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day."

In Mark's parallel account, we find that it was in the early morning while it was still dark. The day had begun, but it was still very early in the morning and the sun had not come up yet. **Jesus spent time praying in the early morning** before the events of the day unfolded, or before He became busy with ministry. It was a priority. It came prior to or before anything else that He did.

(Mark 1:35-39) "In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there."

Most of you know that I am a morning person. What I am about to share with you is not to put guilt or condemnation on you. What I am about to share with you has to do with priority. What I am about to share with you are the examples that we have in Scripture of people that got up early to spend time with the Father.

In Genesis 19, Abraham arose early in the morning and went to the place where he had stood before the Lord. This was a place where He met with the Lord. Abraham got up early to meet with the Lord.

(Gen 19:27) "Now Abraham arose early in the morning and went to the place where he had stood before the LORD;"

Moses was a man who rose up early. In Exodus 24, Moses arose early in the morning and built an altar. Moses prepared a place of worship early in the morning. Notice that Moses also had written down all the words of the Lord. Journaling is an excellent discipline and will enhance your time with the Lord. Moses came prepared to worship the Lord.

(Exo 24:4) "And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. Then he arose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain with twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel."

In Exodus 34, Moses cut out two stone tablets like the he had broken. Then, he rose up early in the morning as the Lord had commanded him, and went up to Mount Sinai. It says the Lord descended in the cloud and stood there with him. It also says that Moses called upon the name of the Lord. Moses was praying early in the morning.

(Exo 34:4-5) "So he cut out two stone tablets like the former ones, and Moses rose up early in the morning and went up to Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and he took two stone tablets in his hand. {5} And the LORD descended in the cloud and stood there with him as he called upon the name of the LORD."

Aaron, the priest, also rose early. In Exodus 32, he built an altar, and the next day they rose early and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. Aaron led the people to worship the Lord early in the morning.

(Exo 32:5-6) "Now when Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD." {6} So the next day they rose early and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play."

Jacob is another man of God that rose early in the morning. In Genesis 28, he felt the presence of the Lord, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God." He rose up early the next morning, took a stone, set it up as a pillar and poured oil on its top. He prepared an altar and a place of worship. He was worshipping the Lord early in the morning.

(Gen 28:17-19) "He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." {18} So Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on its top. {19} He called the name of that place Bethel; however, previously the name of the city had been Luz.

Samuel's father was a man named Elkanah. The Scriptures say there was a certain man named Elkanah. I did a message a number of years ago about Elkanah, and why the Scriptures say he was a certain man. I believe it is because he was a worshiper. He left a lineage of worshipers. In 1 Samuel 1, we find that Elkanah and Hannah rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord.

(1 Sam 1:19) "Then they arose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD..."

We have numerous examples of men and women who rose up early and spent time with the Lord. **Jesus spent time praying in a private place.** He would go to a secluded place or wilderness and pray. In Mark 6, we find Jesus going up to the mountain to pray. In Luke 5:16, we find that He would often slip away to the wilderness and pray. In Matthew 14:23, after sending the multitude away, He went up to the mountain to pray alone. In Luke 9:18, He was also praying alone. This was a lifestyle for Jesus. He would regularly spend time with the Father.



(Mark 6:46) "And after bidding them farewell, He departed to the mountain to pray."

(Luke 5:16) "But He Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray."

(Mat 14:23) "And after He had sent the multitudes away, He went up to the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone."

(Luke 9:18) "And it came about that while He was praying alone..."

Jesus was renewing His mind. Jesus was filling Himself with the Word of God. Jesus was fellowshiping with the Holy Spirit, and filling Himself with the Spirit. Jesus was having His quiet time. There are a lot of ways to have a quiet time. **A quiet time should include time in the word of God. A quiet times should include time in prayer and worship.** A quiet time should include listening to the Lord. I spend time meditating and praying over the word of God. I have asked some of our pastoral team to share with you how they spend their time with the Father. All of us have different ways of spending time with the Father, and I thought it would be good for you to hear from a number of them.

Testimonies by: Larry and Ruth; Greg and Linda, Lee and Betty, Donald and Darlena, and Karen.

Our time with the Father recharges us. We get filled with the Holy Spirit. We get renewed in our mind. We are also transformed by the Word of God as we look intently at it and apply it in our lives. Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 2:13 that the Word of God performs its work in us who believe. The key is that we have to spend time in the Word of God. James tells us that we have to look intently at the Word of God.

(1 Thess 2:13) "For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe."

Not only does our quiet time with the Father help us to know the Lord and His ways, it gives us direction. **A quiet time is like a compass in our lives.** It keeps the rest of our priorities in line. Jesus' time of prayer kept Him focused on what He was called to do. It kept Him on track. Notice in Luke 4:43-44 that when the people found Jesus, they wanted Him to stay. But, He said to them, I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose. And, Jesus kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

(Luke 4:43-44) "But He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose." {44} So He kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea."

Jesus time with the Father helped Him keep His bearings. He did not get caught up in the multitudes and the things that were happening in Capernaum. He did not get caught up in the miracles or the successes that He had. He was able to go up to the mountain and get the Father's perspective on things. He was able to listen to what the Father had to say. Jesus only did what He saw the Father doing. Take a look at some of the things that Jesus said. In John 5, He said that He could do nothing on His own initiative. As He heard, He judged. What was Jesus hearing? He was spending time with the Father and finding out what the will of the Father was, and then He would do it.

(John 5:30) "I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me."

In John 12, Jesus said that He did not speak on His own initiative, but only what the Father told Him to speak. In John 14, He says the same thing again, that He was not speaking on His own initiative. He was speaking on behalf of the Father. He spent time with the Father every day finding out what the Father wanted Him to do and to say that day.

(John 12:49) "For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak."

(John 14:10) "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works."

Jesus' time in prayer was where it was a place that He recharged spiritually. It was a place where He could listen to the Father to see what He was saying. It was a place to see what the Father was showing Him. We need those places of seclusion in our lives. We call them quiet times. We must get away from the busyness in life and get before the Lord.

## Conclusion

This morning, we have looked at how Jesus was anointed to preach the gospel and to proclaim liberty to captives. We saw that Jesus had authority over sickness and over demons. His source of authority came from the Father. You and I also have authority over sickness and demons. He has commanded us to go preach the gospel, heal the sick, and to cast out demons. Jesus stayed connected to His source. And you and I must stay connected to our source of power and authority.

We also saw that Jesus spent time with the Father. He spent time recharging spiritually and preparing for ministry. He spent time listening to the Father. His time with the Father was His source of direction. He only did what He saw the Father doing. He only spoke what He heard the Father saying. He did nothing of His own initiative. Therefore, it was vital that He stayed connected to the vine.

I want to close this morning with John 15. Jesus said that we are to abide in Him and He in us. He said that we cannot bear fruit unless we abide in the vine. He says that we cannot do anything unless we abide in the vine. God wants this church, this Vineyard, to bear much fruit. Just as Jesus stayed connected to the Father, we must stay connected to the Father. He is our source of power and authority. He is our source of direction. We must stay connected to the vine, which is our source.

(John 15:4-7) "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. {5} "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. {6} "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. {7} "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

Let's pray.

**Introduction** (Isaiah 61:1-3, Luke 4:31-32, 36-37, 38-44)

- People were amazed at Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_, because His message was with authority.
- People were amazed that Jesus had authority over \_\_\_\_\_.

**1. The Source of Authority and Power**

- Before coming in the flesh, Jesus existed and had all \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 3:21-22, John 1:30-34)
- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and was made in the likeness of men. (Phil 2:6-7)
- When Jesus was baptized with the Holy Spirit, He was \_\_\_\_\_ with power and authority. (Luke 4:14)
- Mashach means to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ with oil, or anoint. (1 Chron 11:3, Lev 8:10-12)
- Jesus was anointed as the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.

**A. Power and Authority over sickness** (Luke 4:38-39)

- Jesus rebuked the \_\_\_\_\_ and it left Simon Peter's mother-in-law.
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**Conclusion** (John 15:4-7)**Introduction** (Isaiah 61:1-3, Luke 4:31-32, 36-37, 38-44)

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- People were amazed that Jesus had authority over \_\_\_\_\_.

**1. The Source of Authority and Power**

- Before coming in the flesh, Jesus existed and had all \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 3:21-22, John 1:30-34)
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- When Jesus was baptized with the Holy Spirit, He was \_\_\_\_\_ with power and authority. (Luke 4:14)
- Mashach means to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ with oil, or anoint. (1 Chron 11:3, Lev 8:10-12)
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