

# LUKE 4:31-37

## THE POWER OF JESUS : ONE

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***SERIES: THE GOSPEL OF LUKE***

**And [Jesus] came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and He was teaching them on the Sabbath; and they were amazed at His teaching, for His message was with authority.**

**Luke 4:31-32 (NASB)**

**In the synagogue there was a man possessed by the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, "Let us alone! What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"**

**Luke 4:33-34**

**But Jesus rebuked him, saying,  
"Be quiet and come out of him!"**

**And when the demon had  
thrown him down in the midst  
of the people, he came out of  
him without doing him any  
harm.**

**Luke 4:35**

**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." And the  
report about Him was spreading into  
every locality in the surrounding  
district.**

**Luke 4:36-37**

# Demonology: The Basics

*Demon* = A created spiritual being that rebelled against God (**II Peter 2:4; Jude 6**).

*What demons do:* Act hostile to God, His works and His people. How? With lies (**John 8:44**) in order to blind people to the truth (**II Corinthians 4:4**). Satan is the prince of demons (**Matthew 12:24**).

# Demonology: The Basics (cont.)

Demonic deception is subtle. Demons even pretend to be "religious" and have their own false doctrines (**I Timothy 4:1-4**). Demons *may* cause violent behavior (**Luke 8:26-29**); disease (**Matthew 12:22**), and *may* impress, influence and oppress Christians (**Romans 12:2; Ephesians 2:1-7; II Chronicles 21:1; II Corinthians 12:7; Luke 4:1-13**).