

# CrossWalk **notes**

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## Investigating Jesus

### Jesus heals the sick and demon-possessed

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**Authority** = the power or right to give orders and enforce obedience.

#### How does Jesus use his authority on my behalf?

<sup>18</sup> *"The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the  
prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*  
**Luke 4:18-19, NIV**

#### Jesus claimed God's representative authority.

<sup>31</sup> *Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in  
Galilee, and on the Sabbath he taught the  
people.* <sup>32</sup> *They were amazed at his  
teaching, because his words had authority.* **Luke  
4:31-32, NIV**

Jesus' words and teaching made it obvious that he  
knew what he was talking about.

<sup>33</sup> *In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a  
demon, an impure spirit. He cried out at the top of  
his voice,* <sup>34</sup> *"Go away! What do you want with  
us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy  
us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"*  
<sup>35</sup> *"Be quiet!" Jesus said sternly. "Come out of  
him!" Then the demon threw the man down before  
them all and came out without injuring him.*  
<sup>36</sup> *All the people were amazed and said to each  
other, "What words these are! With authority and  
power he gives orders to impure spirits and they  
come out!"* <sup>37</sup> *And the news about him spread  
throughout the surrounding area.* **Luke 4:33-37, NIV**

#### Jesus demonstrated authority that the:

- **demons couldn't oppose.**
- **people couldn't deny.**

<sup>38</sup> *Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of  
Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering  
from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help  
her.* <sup>39</sup> *So he bent over her and rebuked the fever,  
and it left her. She got up at once and began to  
wait on them.* **Luke 4:38-39, NIV**

Jesus showed his authority as he rebuked sickness  
and brought healing.

<sup>40</sup> At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. <sup>41</sup> Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Messiah. **Luke 4:40-41, NIV**

**Jesus showed his broad authority as he healed**

**many.**

<sup>42</sup> At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. <sup>43</sup> But he said, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." <sup>44</sup> And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea. **Luke 4:42-44, NIV**

**We recognize Jesus' authority today as we consider and follow his Word.**

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **Philippians 2:9-11, NIV**

## MEMORY VERSE

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### **My next step:**

Jesus came with God's authority and his words and miracles demonstrated it. I will recognize Jesus' authority and submit to him.

What's your next step?

Mark it on your connection card.

## **Group Questions**

Authority is the power or right to give orders or enforce obedience. Why will my sinful nature always have a problem with God's authority?

Luke 4 gives account after account of Jesus using his authority on behalf of the people. Why is Jesus using authority *on our behalf* so comforting?

How is Jesus' death and resurrection the ultimate use of his authority on our behalf?

Agree or Disagree. God doesn't completely use his authority over us today, but he will on the last day when he returns as our judge.

What does knowing Jesus has complete authority lead you to believe or do?