

## Luke's Gospel: Son of Man, Seeker of Men.

### "Jesus' Power Over Demons"

#### Luke 9:37-45 (NKJV); A Boy Is Healed

<sup>37</sup> Now it happened on the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, that a great multitude met Him. <sup>38</sup> Suddenly a man from the multitude cried out, saying, "Teacher, I implore You, look on my son, for he is my only child. <sup>39</sup> And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out; it convulses him so that he foams at the mouth; and it departs from him with great difficulty, bruising him. <sup>40</sup> So I implored Your disciples to cast it out, but they could not."

<sup>41</sup> Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." <sup>42</sup> And as he was still coming, the demon threw him down and convulsed him. Then Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father.

#### Jesus Again Predicts His Death

<sup>43</sup> And they were all amazed at the majesty of God.

But while everyone marveled at all the things which Jesus did, He said to His disciples, <sup>44</sup> "Let these words sink down into your ears, for the Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men." <sup>45</sup> But they did not understand this saying, and it was hidden from them so that they did not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this saying.

### "Jesus' Power Over Demons, Death, & Discouragement"

1. \_\_\_\_\_ experiences don't last forever (v. 37-38).

#### Life Coaching Tips:

- ✓ When life is good, make sure you fill up.
- ✓ When life is bad, make sure you don't run dry.
- ✓ Expect the best but prepare for the worst.
- ✓ Don't do life alone because you will need others to help.

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ is at work in our world (v. 39-41).

**Scripture Insight:** What are demons, and how do they interact with the world today?

"Demons are called *deceiving spirits* (1Ti 4:1). They are also called *impure spirits* (Mt 10:1; see Lk 4:33). The origin of demons is not described in the Scriptures, but Jesus' reference to *the devil and his angels* (Mt 25:41) suggests that demons are angels who fell when Satan rebelled (Rev 12:4).

Demons can speak and can possess people and animals (Mk 5:9, 12; Ac 19:15). Deceitful spirits are also capable of appearing as angels of light (2Co 11:14). Yet despite their apparent beauty and power, their influence is ultimately destructive (Mk 5:2-5) Demonic influence is also a source of false religion (Dt 32:17; 1Co 10:19-21)."<sup>1</sup>

3. Jesus is more powerful than d\_\_\_\_\_ and s\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 42).

4. Great \_\_\_\_\_ often follow great victories (43-44)

5. When you can't trace God's \_\_\_\_\_, trust His \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 45).

**Sermon in a Sentence:** When you can't trace God's hand, trust His heart.



**Action Steps:**

- 1) **Surrender** your **struggle** to the Savior today.
- 2) **Commit** to **trust** God even in the darkest night of the soul.
- 3) **Share** the **love** of **Christ** with someone who is struggling.

**Make a decision this week?** Please let us know on your Connection Card.

**Preview for next Sunday:** Who is the Greatest? Luke 9:46-50.

<sup>1</sup> Quote from NIV Quest Study Bible.