

LUKE 4 vs 33

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Luke records: Jesus, having left Nazareth, He went to the town of Capernaum, where He did **the first of 5 healings** on the Sabbath.

³³ And in the synagogue there was a man possessed by a spirit of an unclean demon, and shrieked with a loud voice.

Remember, the apostle John tells us: Christ came to destroy the works of the devil... and now this man cries out,

³⁴ Saying, Leave us alone; what do we have to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth?

Did You come to destroy us?

I know who You are -- the Holy One of God.

³⁵ And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Shut up / Jesus had a million angels singing at His birth; He gave His church the commission to take His great Name to the ends of the earth; those who do sing His praise; He doesn't need any advertisement from a demon; literally He said one word: **phimoo; muzzle it.**

Shut up! and come out of him.

And when the demon threw him down in their midst, he came out of him, and did him **no more harm.**

³⁶ And they were all amazed, and spoke among themselves, saying, What is this message? / what word do you have for this?

for with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out.

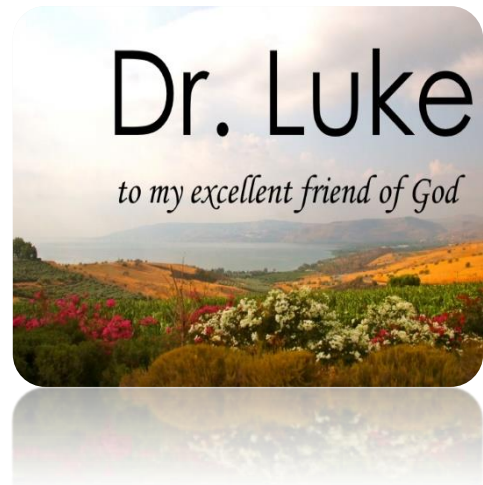
³⁷ And His fame spread around every part of the region / to all the local neighborhoods.

Jesus is on the move,

³⁸ And He arose from the synagogue, and entered the house of Simon / this is the second healing on a Sabbath day that Luke describes in his gospel... the event is also recorded by Matthew..

Jesus... entered Simon's house / this is Simon Peter's home.

And we read...



And Simon's wife's mother / what?! You know, the roman church, claims to follow Peter... yet for hundreds of years... for centuries... forbids their priests to marry. Hmm?! Makes you wonder why, doesn't it?

Of all the disciples, the only disciple we definitely know WAS married... is Peter. So, Peter probably had his own kids. Real fathers are different than those who falsely claim to be spiritual fathers – no such title exists in the Bible. At best, Jesus said, call one another **brothers** – that's it! Real fathers who have their own biological children most likely to protect them at all costs; real fathers would never do to their own children what pedophiles and so-called religious fathers at such high % perversely do to children. Obviously, there are some religions that prefer their traditions of men... over the word and ways of God.

But let's go on...

Simon Peter's wife's mother was sick / the word is: **penthera**; both Matthew and Luke use this Greek word to describe this healing. So, we're learning about Peter's mother-in-law who needed healing.

the mother of the wife of Simon Peter... was suffering with a high fever;

and they asked Jesus for her.

³⁹ And He stood over her, and rebuked the fever;

and the fever left her:

and immediately she arose and ministered to them.

But let us pause and consider this unembellished event; this mother-in-law of Peter, she went from a critical illness... immediately to perfect health; Jesus spoke to the disease and it left her...

and immediately she arose and ministered to them / she did what Paul was so impressed to do; she did what Jesus said the greatest of His followers would do; and she did what all those courageous women did as they followed Jesus all the way to where He was going – and they learned He was going to the cross, and Matthew tells us: there – at the cross... **those women ministered to Him.**

she ministered to them / Paul's mother-in-law was a **minister**... notice: it doesn't say she sang or danced for them, otherwise we would say she is a singer or dancer; this healed woman ministered to them probably serving up for them the most delicious lasagna or fish tacos... or whatever Jesus liked for lunch! I'm sure they were surprised; how could they not be?

But let's go on...

⁴⁰ Now as the sun was setting / Can you imagine how fast the story of Jesus healing these two people spread... in this little town?

And with the sun set, the Sabbath was over...

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and all who had any sick with diverse diseases brought them to Him / they must have come from everywhere;

and laying His hands on every one of them, He healed them.

⁴¹ And demons also came out of many,

crying out and saying,

You are Christ / the Messiah... the Son of God.

And He rebuked them and did **not permit them to speak:**

for they knew that He was Christ / the Messiah; of course they did; you know, there is only One Christ. John the Baptist said it right when he declared: I am NOT the Christ. All others are pseudo-christs; false christs; or antichrists.

⁴² And when it was day, He departed and went to an isolated place: and the people sought after Him, and came to Him, and they stopped Him, that He not depart from them / they didn't want Him to leave.

⁴³ And He said to them,

I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for so I am sent / I must tell others where God rules; where God's influence is known... and His will is being done. Jesus was not making up some agenda on the fly; He came to do His Father's will.

⁴⁴ And He preached in the synagogues of Galilee.

Some bibles say, in the synagogues of Judea. He probably preached in both!

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