

Jesus' Mission Statement !

"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, and proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.

He kept on preaching in synagogues of (Jews) Judea / Galilee ?

Luke 4:44



Area of Jesus' early ministry

LET BATTLE COMMENCE

Jesus' comes to fight :-

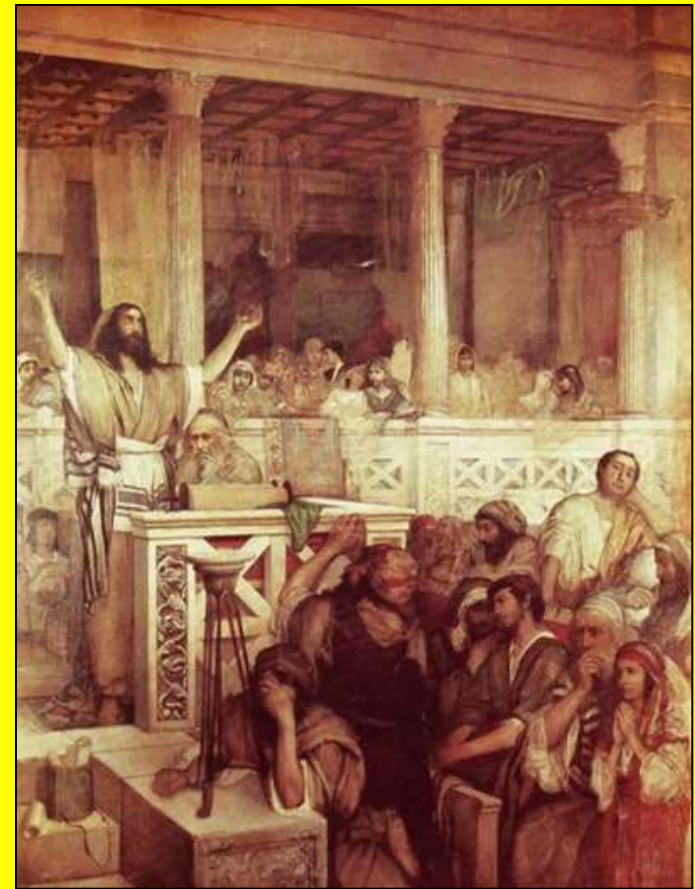
- 1, Demonic powers
- 2, Sickness and disease
- 3, Ignorance and separation from God

Note also

A, The passage of time –a day in the life of Jesus' ministry!

B, The people's recognition of Jesus as having something new
- authority & power

Luke 4:31-44 Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath he taught the people. They were amazed at his teaching, because his words had authority. In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an impure spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, "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 !"



"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. 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!" And the news about him spread throughout the surrounding area.

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. So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. 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. 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. 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." And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

Time morning early afternoon?. **1, Demonic powers**

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A nice quiet synagogue service

- with a demon in the congregation !

It assumes people can be demon possessed – somehow a demon gained control of his mind and body (*Although it doesn't seem to be obvious at first in this man*). Did it gain access by persistent sin, Occult involvement – invitation in the quest for knowledge and power ?

Jesus' presence exposes it !



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Demons know who Jesus is! (The devil is no atheist!)

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Jesus authority silences it.



Why?

- 1, He doesn't want demon's testimony.
- 2, They are trying to expose Jesus before he shows the people what the true kind of Messiah he is.

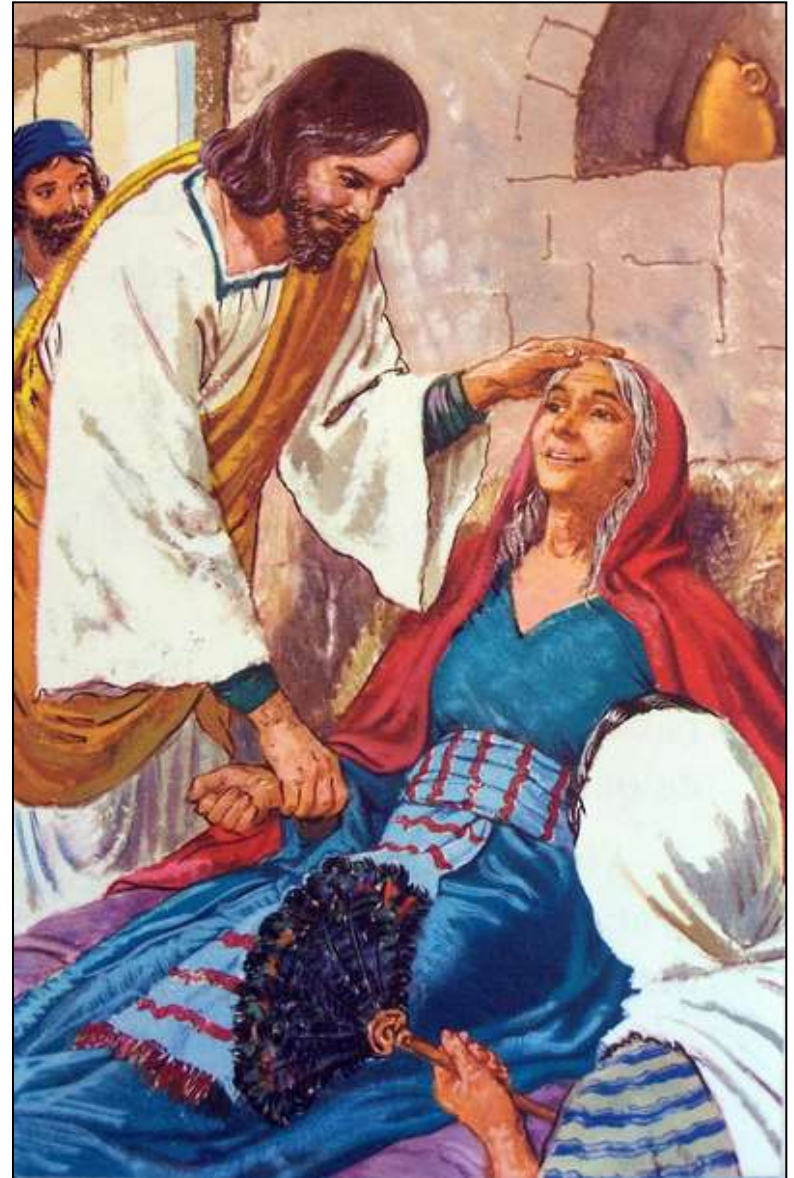
Cf verse 41

2, Sickness and disease

Time:- after the service later in the afternoon

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Why did Jesus go there?
God's appointment?



The Great Physician

2, Sickness and disease

So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

He didn't ask her how she got it.

Expert diagnosis → right treatment

Perfect bedside manner –
he bent over her ... personal care

He treated things like fever just as if they could hear!



After, she wasn't contagious ! Her grateful response. How would she have felt if Jesus had been and gone without her welcoming him to her home?

Jesus is the healer

Sabbath over. It was dark by now !

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Various kinds of sickness – instantly & completely healed
- as he laid his hands on them.

Their sickness didn't contaminate him!

Showing care – and imparting healing power

Did he get any sleep?

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Jesus' Priorities

3, to fight Ignorance and separation from God

People wanted to keep him there. (Why?)

He was not deflected by human opinion/ popularity.

He had a wider vision of the greater need around.

"I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent."

So he "kept on preaching in the synagogues of the Jews".



What priorities govern our lives?

Are there things controlling our choices that shouldn't?

Jesus' priority & mission –

proclaiming (in word +deed)
teaching the Good News of the Kingdom

The Kingdom of God

God's rule beginning here in our lives
(heaven breaking in)
God's grace and our response
of thankful obedience



Have you heard it,
accepted it
and responded to him?

(our challenge – see Mark 16: 15- 18)

1 John 3:8

**The reason the Son of God appeared
was to destroy the devil's work.**

