

Study 2: Luke 4:31-5:32

1. Jesus' miracles show us the sort of authority he has. In this passage, what is Jesus demonstrating authority over? Which of these do you find most striking?
2. Why is it important for us to see that Jesus has great authority?
3. In 4:32, what is highlighted as having really amazed the people? And what do they mention first after Jesus casts out the evil spirit (4:36)? In what way is this a surprising response?
4. In 4:40-42 Jesus has a remarkable ministry which is giving him popularity and honour, but in 4:42-44 we see that he leaves it. Why does he do this, according to v43? Why is it important that he does this?
5. 5:1-32 adds to our understanding of Jesus' priorities. It will help us to understand this section if we start at the end. Why has Jesus come, according to 5:32? What does this mean?
6. Look at 5:17-26. What reason does Jesus give in vv23-24 for healing the man? What does Jesus see as the paralytic's greatest need?
7. How do all the four major incidents in 5:1-32 illustrate Jesus' mission to restore sinners to a right relationship with God (5:32)?
8. What sort of things do people today say that Jesus has come to do? How do these relate to Jesus' own statement of what he has come to do (in 5:32)?

Closing Thoughts

9. What are the main points of this passage? Which of these main points have you found most striking? How will it impact the way you think and live?