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Why Jesus Came

Luke 4:31-44

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God's work, and Satan's work

"Now the earth was **formless** and **empty**,
darkness was over the surface of the deep, and
the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters."

Genesis 1:2

God gave it **form**, filled it with **life**, and gave **light**

Satan pursues **disorder**, **death**, and **darkness**

"I looked at the earth, and it was **formless** and
empty; and at the heavens, and their **light was**
gone."

Jeremiah 4:23

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God's work

So God sent the Messiah

The Son of God,
who became a human being named Jesus

What was it like?

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People's Vulnerability

In the first century:

- Bad illnesses
- Evil spirits / demons

Today?

- It depends upon context

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Luke 4:31-32

³¹ Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath he taught the people.

³² They were amazed at his teaching, because his words had authority.

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Luke 4:33-37

³³ In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an impure spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, ³⁴ "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!"

³⁵ "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.

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³⁶ 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!" ³⁷ And the news about him spread throughout the surrounding area.

Amazing power over demons!

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Luke 4:38-39

³⁸ 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. ³⁹ So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

Amazing power over sickness!

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Luke 4:40-41

⁴⁰ At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. ⁴¹ 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.

Amazing power over sickness and demons!

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Luke 4:42-44

⁴² 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. ⁴³ 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." ⁴⁴ And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

Mission from God: proclaim all over with power
the Good News of the kingdom of God

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The Big Idea

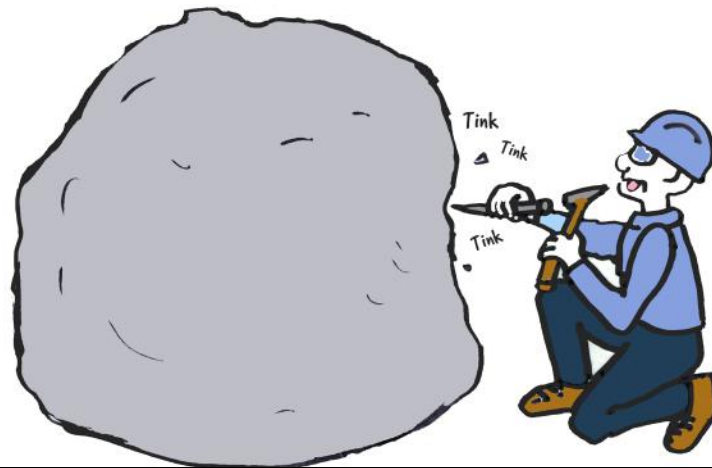
God sent His Son
to authoritatively proclaim deliverance
from all evil powers

Among their greatest troubles:
bad illness, demon possession

Jesus set people free by just speaking a word!
It is the best Good News!

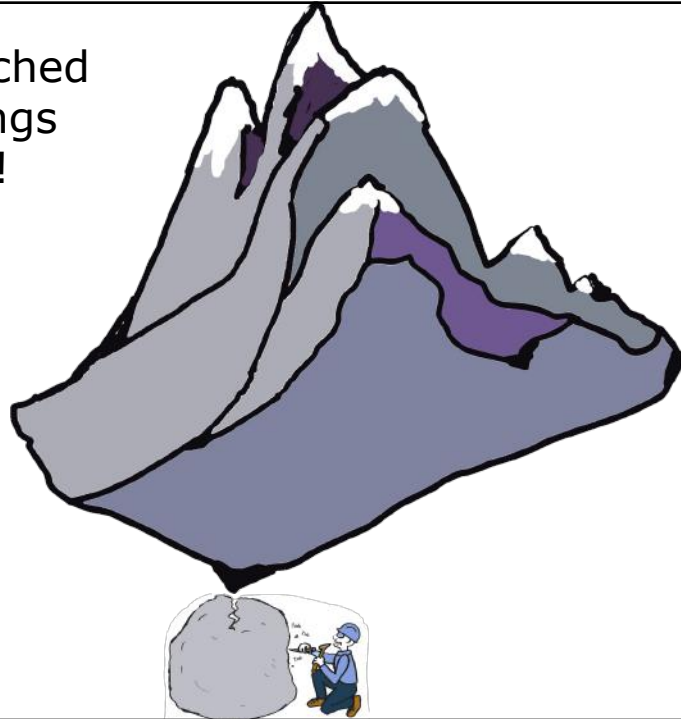
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Critical and very hard problems
Sometimes we work very hard
Sometimes we give up



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Jesus is the unmatched
power over the things
that are beyond us!



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In Luke 4:13, Jesus successfully resisted all the devil's attacks

Then He began setting the oppressed free

Jesus said: "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe.

But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted and divides up his plunder."

Luke 11:21-22

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The Big Idea

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from all evil powers

Jesus brought forgiveness...and so much more!

Satan works to bring chaos, death, and darkness

Other forces do the same

Jesus sets people free by just speaking a word!

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3D Gospel

Guilt/innocence

Global West

- requires forgiveness
- Jesus: sacrifice for forgiveness of sins

Shame/honor

Global East

- requires restoration
- Jesus: restore relationship with God & people

Vulnerability/power

Global South

- requires a powerful hero
- Jesus: rescue from demons, powers, & sickness

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Application

Rejoice in the victory and power of Jesus over every evil power

- He came to rescue us from powers that are too great for us, including demons
 - By His powerful Word!
 - Over all the works of evil
 - No matter what their source is
- He always brings good
- He often uses trouble for good
- Still, His power and victory are always real

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Application

As sent ones, join His mission
in the power of the Spirit

- "Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.'" John 20:21
- Bring order, life, and light
- Bring forgiveness, restoration, and rescue

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The work of Jesus

Jesus said: "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe.

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Luke 11:21-22

We proclaim that Jesus came with unmatched power to deliver from sin, death, division, and evil

And we join in His work with the gifts He gives