

THE LAWS OF MULTIPLICATION: Christ-Presenting Multiplication

LUKE 4:31-37

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Our Multiplication is Often at Partial-Power Because Our Presentation is Only Partial-Christ:

1. Present the _____ of Jesus (31-32, 36).

Luke 4:31-37 (ESV)

³¹And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, ³²and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority.

2. Present the _____ of Jesus (33-35).

³³And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴“Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.”

³⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm.

3. Present the _____ of Jesus (37).

³⁶And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!”

³⁷And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. What are some of the inaccurate caricatures of Jesus you've seen presented? Do you agree that there is an imbalance in our evangelism, that we love to major on Jesus's love and minor on his lordship? Why is this imbalance a problem in our modern evangelism presentation?
2. **Read Ephesians 2:1-10.** In addition to Luke 4, we saw "the way we were" in Ephesians 2. What are some things that Christ needs to overcome for a lost person (vs. 1-3)? What are the specific enslavements Jesus had to free you from when you were lost? Is it essential to assure people that Jesus has the ability to spiritually transform a person? Why, or why not?
3. Verse 37 shows that our gospel is a far-reaching gospel. This offer of the gospel is precious. It is available to all. This gospel news is even a gospel to those who feel they are beyond redemption. How would you use this truth in verse 37 to help someone who believes their sin has taken them too far from the reach of God's grace?

Quote for the Week. . .

by AW Tozer



"The average person in the world today, without faith and without God and without hope, is engaged in a desperate personal search throughout his lifetime. He does not really know where he has been. He does not really know what he is doing here and now. He does not know where he is going. The sad commentary is that he is doing it all on borrowed time and borrowed money and borrowed strength; and he already knows that in the end he will surely die! Man, made more like God than any other creature, has become less like God than any other creature. Created to reflect the glory of God, he has retreated sullenly into his cave; reflecting only his own sinfulness. Certainly it is a tragedy above all tragedies in this world that man, made with a soul to worship and praise and sing to God's glory, now sulks silently in his cave."