

Beyond Compare

Luke 4:31-44

How do people tend to respond to seemingly _____ problems?
What are some seemingly _____ problems today?
How do _____ tend to respond to seemingly immovable problems?
What problem is most _____ for you today? Or this year? Or this decade?

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31-32: Jesus taught with _____, amazing the people

Luke intentionally wrote for people like _____
They didn't know the _____ of the Judean province of the Roman Empire
_____: different from what they were used
to hearing
Perhaps: _____ knowledge rather than abstract ideas
When He spoke, they sensed truth and _____
Not magic or _____ ideas

33-37: Jesus' power over _____ amazed the people

_____: evil powers that attempt to ruin
God's good purposes in the world
Many of us are much more afraid of a _____ (biological and digital!) than we are of demons
Much of the world recognizes _____ of evil spirits!
Jesus' _____ was enough to threaten demons
They knew who He was and His power and _____
Jesus immediately neutralized their power to _____
People were amazed at His authority and power

38-39: Jesus' power over _____ amazed the people

After seeing Jesus' power over evil spirits, people expected that He could heal _____ too
Same kind of power over a different kind of _____
Sickness was more _____ than
Rebuked the _____ (perhaps personified)
Verses 40-41 show sickness and evil spirits are not the _____ thing
Healing was immediate and _____!

40-41: Jesus _____ many from power of sickness and demons

Many came to be _____ by His power
Laying his _____ on them
They had experienced little _____ during illness
Individually and _____ healed each one
Demons knew Jesus' true _____: Son of God
And _____ Him for it!
Jesus didn't want or need their _____ about Him

42-44: Jesus' purpose is to bring the _____ to others too

Jesus prayed to know God's _____ for Him
"_____" and "_____" call for times of prayer!
People wanted Him to stay: "_____ healer"
Jesus knew His _____
Bring the Kingdom of God to others too
Not just talk and not just action: _____ - _____ words

The Big Idea

Jesus Christ, the Son of God,

is the _____ power
of the growing and _____-giving Kingdom of God,
which is to be brought to all _____

Evil powers (whether human, natural, or supernatural) attempt to _____ God's good purposes in the world
Jesus restores what Satan seeks to warp, brutalize, and _____

Jesus, as God the Son, is _____ more powerful than anything in creation!

Daniel 2:34-35

There is nothing and no one in all creation that can stop the _____ of God through Jesus!

Romans 8:32

Application

Rejoice in Jesus Christ, no matter the _____ or trouble

_____/Vulnerability worldview

There are powers that are too big for me to _____

Often too big even to _____

I need someone who is smart enough or _____ enough to protect me from them

_____ is the power greater than any other power!

Jesus _____ us with that power!

John 10:28-29

Romans 8:38-39

Nothing and no one can ever _____ us from God's love in Christ Jesus!

_____ !!

Take this power-filled message _____ it is needed

Luke 4:43

Do not get pulled aside by _____ (and _____) things

The Father's purpose for us:

That we will bring this power-filled message

to the peoples in our _____,

to the peoples in our _____,

to the peoples throughout the _____!

With power & _____

Not just information or _____

Active _____ - _____ knowledge

The joy and Spirit of God _____ through us as we share

The Spirit _____ as we speak His words

The Spirit _____ as we do His will

Reflection Questions

1. What problems or challenges seem too big in your life?
2. What helps you comprehend in the core of your being the immensity of the power of God? What tends to degrade your awareness of this power?
3. What helps you comprehend the love-in-action that God has for you? (see Romans 8:32)
4. What does it look like for you to trust in this love?
5. Who around you is facing problems or challenges that seem too big? How can you be a part of bringing this hope, by the power of the Spirit, to them?
6. How can you be a part of doing the works of God, by the power of the Spirit, in our community and around the world?