

👉 **Luke 4:31-34**; Jesus told us where to find all the info we could possibly ever want about Him, **John 5:39; Hebrews 10:7**.

👉 For the same reason, a Demon wasn't happy to find Him as in our text today, **Luke 4:31-34**.

**1. Up until now, Luke has been introducing us to the person of Jesus.** Who is He? He's the Messiah!

- ✓ Starting here in Luke, we are going to be introduced to His power, starting with His power over the darkness.

**2. We saw last time the four things that describe a person who Jesus has come to save.**

- ✓ Spiritually poor, spiritual prisoners, spiritually blind, spiritually oppressed.
- ✓ This is Jesus' job description because this is who He was sent to.
- ✓ Once a person admits this is true about themselves and turns to Christ, Jesus saves them.
- ✓ He saves those who are: **Hebrews 2:14**, held by Satan and his forces.
- ✓ An even shorter job description of Jesus is given to us here, **1<sup>st</sup> John 3:8**.
- ✓ The Bible states flatly that the entire world and every person in it is under the dominion of Satan; they are enslaved to him and, as such, are his possession. **Ephesians 2:1-3; Acts 26:18; 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:19; Hebrews 2:14-15**.
- ✓ The whole world and everybody in it are the possession of Satan with the exception of those who are the possession of God. **1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:19-20; Colossians 1:13** (answers the question of whether or not a believer can be demon possessed).
- ✓ The whole world and everybody in it are the possession of Satan and his demons but aren't necessarily demon possessed. Demon possession is relatively rare; it is in the Bible; not one mention of anyone possessed in the OT, not one mention of possession in the Epistles, only in the gospels (not in John) and the book of Acts.
- ✓ All are under Satan's dominion of darkness, but actually demon possession is rare. Why?
  - 1) Because it isn't always necessary; people mess themselves up all by themselves.
  - 2) Because of simple logistics and statistics, there aren't enough demons to go around!

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**3. Let's take a closer look at our passage; Luke 4:31-36. Several things to take careful notice of here:**

- 1) This is the first miracle listed in Luke; why?
  - ✓ It's the first miracle listed because it is the major theme of Jesus' ministry, to destroy the power of the evil one. **1 Jn. 3:8**.
- 2) Where do we find this demon-possessed man?
  - ✓ In the Synagogue! = He's probably a member of the community; probably well known; functioning member of society. Why would they let him in there otherwise? This assaults our typical view of demon possession.
- 3) The demons aren't "in search of Jesus," verse 34.
  - ✓ They know Him! Do you know as much as a demon knows? They also know the end of the story.
  - ✓ James 2:19 "Tremble" is a continual state.

**They live in constant fear because they don't know any more about the end than we do; they don't know the day or the hour either! They know for certain that they are going to be bound for 1,000 years and then be thrown into the lake of fire.**

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