

Healings in Capernaum

Luke 4:31-44

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Jesus was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. There was a man there who was possessed by an evil spirit. He cried out, "Ho! Jesus of Nazareth. What are you doing here? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are – the Holy One of God."

Jesus commanded, "Be quiet! Come out of him."

The evil spirit threw the man down and then came out of him without harming him at all. The people were amazed and said, "What is this? He has the power to command evil spirits, and they obey him."

When Jesus left the synagogue, he went home with a man named Simon. When they arrived, they were told Simon's mother-in-law was sick with a high fever. Jesus leaned over her and spoke to the fever telling it to leave. The woman immediately got up and prepared a meal for them.

The Sabbath was going to end at sunset. But the people of Capernaum were so excited they broke the Sabbath. While the sun was still setting, they came to Jesus with people suffering from all sorts of illnesses, carrying those who were too sick to walk. Jesus placed his hands on each one and healed them. Evil spirits came out of several of these people shouting, "Son of God. You are the Son of God."

Early the next morning Jesus went off to a solitary place. The people of Capernaum followed him and pleaded with him not to leave them. But he said, "People in other towns also need to hear the good news of the Kingdom of God. That is why I've been sent."

So Jesus continued to travel from place to place, and he continued to teach in the synagogues wherever he went.