BS7 - "On Authority, Demons, and Jesus' Purpose" Luke 4:31-44

Jesus: The Middle Years

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Hey TD'ers, our small group time this month will be powered primarily through the analysis, observations, and insight God gives YOU. For it to work well, however, you will all need to spend some quality time reflecting, praying, thinking, and "mastering" the passage, so the Holy Spirit will be able to work through you well. Just like a great chef can do more with better ingredients, so it is with the Holy Spirit. The more you give Him to work with by way of meditation, study, thoughts, research, etc., the more He can do with the "ingredients" you give Him to make your own personal study and your small group study more meaningful, useful, and powerful.

So, please prepare well and then prepare for a great small group study!

1. Review Luke 4:31-37 by re-reading the passage a few times. Then review the message through the audio recording on the TD blog (www.totaldevotionmbcla.wordpress.com) or the TD website (www.td.mbcla.org) and/or your message notes.
   1. Based on your review, write out at least one good Bible study question for your small group to discuss. You can write more than one if you'd like, but write at least one good one.
   2. Write down some issues/topics that you see emerging from the passage that would be good to discuss.
2. We have not studied Luke 4:38-44 yet. This will be a time for you to study the passage on your own, then for you to bring your findings, questions, insights, observations, research, etc. to your small group study.
   1. Begin by asking and answering the basic who, what, where, why, when, how "context questions."
   2. Imagine yourself as any or all of the people in the passage and put yourself in their shoes. Do any questions, realizations, etc. arise?
   3. Is there anything that you can clearly draw from the passage that may not be so obvious but is definitely there? Read "between the lines" and see if there are solid inferences you can make that you can that are not explicitly stated but can be legitimately deduced from further research in Scripture.

An example of this is what Arthur was able to deduce about demons in vv. 31-37 in his message, from observation and further Scriptural research.

* 1. Research the passage through commentaries, sermons, Bible studies, etc. online. There are many places to go, but www.blueletterbible.org, www.gty.org, www.desiringgod.org are examples of good sites that you can refer to for almost any passage in Scripture.