

# Everyday FAITH Family Page

## New Testament 2 Jesus Shows He Is True God

### Law/Gospel

Sin, sickness, and the devil are at work in the world. **Jesus, the Holy One of God, has power over sin, sickness, and the devil and frees me from their hold.**

### Bible Words

Jesus Christ heals you.  
Acts 9:34

### Fun Facts

In 1838, American explorer Edward Robinson discovered the ruins of ancient Capernaum. Almost thirty years later, British Captain Charles W. Wilson identified the ruins of an ancient synagogue there. Excavations by several groups in the twentieth century uncovered a white stone synagogue. Many scholars now date this synagogue to the fifth century, although some think it stood during the time Jesus taught here. More recent excavations discovered ruins beneath this structure, identified as an earlier synagogue.

## Jesus Heals Many

Luke 4:31–44

When Jesus taught in the Capernaum synagogue on a Sabbath, a man possessed with an unclean demon confronted Him. “Ha!” he said. “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” (Luke 4:34).

Jesus rebuked the demon and commanded it to come out of the man. The demon threw him down and obediently came out. The man was not harmed. People felt astonished at Jesus’ teaching and authority.

Later that day, Jesus healed Peter’s mother-in-law. That evening, Jesus laid His hands on sick people who came to Him and healed them. Demons came out of many, declaring Jesus as the Son of God.

These few verses use the Greek word *epitimao* (“rebuke”) three times. Jesus rebuked the demon (v. 35), a fever (v. 39), and many demons (v. 41) and demonstrated His divine power over the physical and spiritual effects of sin.

### A Desolate Place

After ministering all night, Jesus went to a desolate place by Himself the next morning (v. 42). As Scripture reports many other times, Jesus probably went to pray and meditate.

Praying to His Father reenergized Jesus and focused Him on His mission to preach the good news of the kingdom of God. Jesus purposed to obey His Father and fulfill the prophecies written about Him.

Jesus lived out this obedience as God’s Son when He preached God’s Word, healed many afflictions, died on the cross for the sins of the world, and rose from the dead (Luke 24:44–47).

We have the privilege of praying to our Lord too, and in Jesus’ name. We can tell Him anything. Our Lord hears and answers (Psalm 17:6). We also have the privilege of hearing from God in the Bible. In His Word, we see His heart, mercy, goodness, grace, and love for us.

### Prayer

*Jesus, gracious Savior, help us to know and trust Your Word and actions for us. In Your name we pray. Amen.*

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