1. **Luke 4:31-32**

* According to the scriptures why were the people “astonished”?
* What does it mean that Jesus spoke “with authority (*exousia*)”?

1. **Luke 4:33-34**

* How did the man with the “unclean demon” in him refer to himself, what pronoun did he use?
* In what two ways does the possessed man address Jesus?
* “Nazareth” comes from the **Old Testament** Hebrew word “netzar”, what does this word mean when translated into English (research it briefly)?
* **Isaiah 11:1-5**
* In **verse 1** of **Isaiah** the Hebrew word “netzar” is used, what word does your Bible have in its place when translated?
* How does this title given to Jesus represent more than just the town he is from?
* **Isaiah 1:1-4**
* Who is the term “Holy One” applied to in this passage in **Isaiah**?
* **Isaiah 12:1-6**
* Who does the term “Holy One” seem to represent according to this passage in Isaiah?
* In **Luke**, why do you think the demon spoke this way to Jesus, considering they are enemies of one another, giving Jesus such honorable titles?

1. **Luke 4:35-37**

* How did Jesus respond to the possessed man?
* Why do you think Jesus told the demon to “Be quiet!”? Why not let everyone know at that time exactly who Jesus Christ is?
* Consider the people’s comments after the “demon” departs from the man, what “amazed” them?
* **Psalm 33:6 33:1-9**
* What is unique about God’s “word” in this **Psalm**?
* Do you think the reading in **Luke** which emphasizes how the people responded about the “word” of Jesus, hints to us a truth about Him, please explain?
* What affect did this event in the Bible have on the people observing it?
* What affect did this event in the Bible have on you today?
* **St. Cyril of Alexandria** (378 AD – 444 AD) *Commentary on Luke Sermon 12*

”But our Lord Jesus Christ spoke words most worthy of God; and was therefore admired even by the Jews themselves, because His word was with authority, and because He taught them as one that had authority, and not as their scribes. For His word was not of the shadow of the law, but as being Himself the lawgiver, He changed the letter into the truth, and the types into their spiritual meaning. For He was a ruler and possessed a ruler’s authority to command.”

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”The evil demons therefore we cast out, and made moreover to feel how invincible is His might; and being unable to bear the conflict with Deity, they exclaimed in imperious and crafty terms,”

Second Quote:

“But they further put on the false appearance of well-sounding words and call Him the Holy One of God. For they supposed that by this specious kind of language they could excite the desire of vainglory, and thereby prevent His rebuking them, returning as if it were one kindness for another. But though he is crafty, he will fail of his prey: for ‘God is not mocked’, and so the Lord stops their impure tongues, and commands them to depart from those possessed by them. And the bystanders being made witnesses of so great of deeds, were astonished at the power of His word. For he wrought his miracles, offering up no prayer, to ask of any one at all the power of accomplishing them, but being Himself the living and active Word of God the Father, by Whom all things exist, and in Whom all things are, in His own person He crushed Satan, and closed the profane mouth of impure demons.”

* Share a thought or two that came to mind during today’s study?