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## Dealing With Fame

### Introduction

Last Sunday, we saw how Jesus was rejected in His hometown of N\_\_\_\_\_, and how Jesus dealt with that rejection. They actually wanted to k\_\_\_\_\_ Him. Today, we will look at how Jesus dealt with fame, and ask the question, “What mattered most to Jesus in His e\_\_\_\_\_ ministry?”

### Jesus taught and healed people with authority

(Luke 4:31-41)

What attracted people to Jesus was His teaching and His works of healing; healing of p\_\_\_\_\_ and s\_\_\_\_\_ ailments, and the fact that He did these things with authority. So, people flocked to Jesus to h\_\_\_\_\_ and s\_\_\_\_\_ Him. Not only were these people attracted to Jesus, they wanted to k\_\_\_\_\_ Him for themselves!

### Jesus continued to fulfill His calling

(Luke 4:42-44; Luke 4:18-21; Isaiah 61:1-2)

What mattered most to Jesus, was continuing to do the work of G\_\_\_\_\_ that He was called to do, and that was to p\_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom of God. Thus, Jesus dealt with both rejection and fame in the same manner by r\_\_\_\_\_ secure in His relationship with the Father who sent Him to fulfill His calling.

### We must continue to fulfill our calling

(Ephesians 2:8-10; 2 Corinthians 5:17,21)

Let us remember that we are called by God into a relationship with Him through f\_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ, and with that calling we have a p\_\_\_\_\_ for which we are to live. Thus, in good and bad times, we are to remember that we were created a new *in Christ Jesus for g\_\_\_\_\_ w\_\_\_\_\_, which God prepared beforehand so that we would w\_\_\_\_\_ in them.*

## Things to Ponder This Week

Based on Luke 4:31-41, what can we learn regarding Jesus’ ministry as the promised Messiah? What do we learn from this passage regarding Jesus’ authority? How is this authority manifested in the way that Jesus dealt with demons? Why did Jesus not allow these demons to testify concerning Him (who He was)? If you were there at that time, would you have wanted to hear and see Jesus? Prayerfully consider how you are hearing and seeing Him at work now.

Based on Luke 4:42-44, what can we learn about how Jesus dealt with over exposure or with crowds? Why do you think Jesus went to a secluded place? Prayerfully consider why it is necessary for you to leave the crowd (busy life), and to rest and spend some alone time with God. What did Jesus say was His primary purpose for being sent to this world?

Prayerfully read Ephesians 2:8-10, and consider the following questions: How am I saved? Why am I saved? Prayerfully seek the Lord, and commit yourself to walk in the *good works* that He has prepared for you.

Next Sunday, we will look at “The Call to Follow Jesus.” Prayerfully read Luke 5:1-11 and Isaiah 6:1-9, and consider how Peter and Isaiah’s callings to serve God were similar. What was necessary for both of them before being called?