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Texts:

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21. They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach.

22. The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.

Luke 4:31, 32,

31. Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath began to teach the people.

32. They were amazed at his teaching, because his message had authority.

Commentary:

I. Jesus in Capernaum on the Sabbath day straightway went to the synagogue and taught.

A. Jesus, now living in Capernaum, without delay went to the synagogue to worship.

B. He regularly worshiped God! We should do likewise.

C. Jesus took an active leadership role in the synagogue worship, on this occasion reading from the scriptures.

D. Synagogues came into existence during the Babylonian captivity when the temple had been destroyed and the Israelites were far from their homeland.

E. This synagogue was likely the one built by a Gentile. Luke 7:4, 5, When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly for him, “This man deserves to have you do this, because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue.”

II. The people in the synagogue were amazed at Christ’s teaching because he taught with authority.

A. The scribes taught what had been handed down to them by way of oral tradition.

B. Jesus declared his teachings to be superior to the law of Moses.

1. Matthew 5:32, But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery.
2. Matthew 5:34, But I tell you, Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne;
3. Matthew 5:39, But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.

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Questions

1. They, he, Jesus and those with him, went _____ to _____, a town in _____.
2. When the _____ came, which on our calendar is called _____, went to the _____ and began to _____.
3. The _____ attending the _____ service, were _____ because he _____ them as one having _____ and not as the _____ of the _____.
4. Jesus regularly _____ . We should do _____.
5. _____ came into existence during the _____ when the _____ had been _____ and the _____ were far from their _____.
6. The _____ taught what had been handed down to them by way of _____.
7. Jesus declared the will of _____ by saying, “Ye have heard it was said unto you by them of old times... but _____ !”

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