

RIVERVIEW CHURCH

HOME-GROUP QUESTIONS

Jesus...In the Gospel of Luke
The Awesome Authority of Jesus!

With Pastor Mel Svendsen
August 30, 2026

Luke 4:31-37

NOTES:

QUESTION 1

The sermon emphasizes that Jesus taught with authority unlike the religious teachers of his day who hedged their answers -- in what areas of your life do you find it most difficult to fully submit to the authority of Jesus, and what makes surrender in those areas so challenging?

QUESTION 2

John the Baptist's motto was 'he must increase, I must decrease' -- what specific opinions, habits, or priorities in your own life might need to decrease in order for the authority and influence of Jesus to increase?

QUESTION 3

The sermon describes how Jesus used the Word of God to overcome temptation in the wilderness -- how intentional are you about filling your mind with Scripture as a defense against spiritual attack, and what practical steps could make that more consistent?

QUESTION 4

The pastor recounts a conversation with a man on the beach who said he was 'finding his own way' spiritually -- how would you respond to someone who holds that view, and what does the uniqueness of Jesus mean for the idea that all spiritual paths are equally valid?

QUESTION 5

Colossians 1:16 teaches that all things were created through and for Jesus, and that in him all things hold together -- how does meditating

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QUESTION 10

The pastor warns against both adding to and taking away from the teachings of Jesus, citing examples of people blending other worldviews into their Christian faith -- what cultural ideas or personal preferences do you think are most tempting for Christians today to mix into their understanding of Jesus's teachings?