



April 4/5, 2026 (Easter 2026)

What Is My Purpose?

Luke 4:40-44

Review:

Luke 4:38-39 (last week)

- Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law
- Demons flee
- Jesus shows his power over demons and diseases

Luke 4:40-41

40 Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. 41 And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

- Jesus heals all who were sick
- Demons are cast out
- They yell: "You are the Son of God"
- They knew (from eternity) that he was the Christ, the second person of the Godhead, the Son, the Anointed One of God

Luke 4:42-44

42 And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, 43 but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." 44 And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

Jesus's life included:

1. **Prayer...** "And when it was day he withdrew to a lonely place."
2. **Priority...** "But he said to them, "I must..."
3. **Preaching...** "the good news of the kingdom of God to other towns as well..."
 - The kingdom is God's rule and reign
 - Jesus is the King of the kingdom
 - From Eden (**Genesis 1-2**)
 - To Paradise lost (**Genesis 3**)
 - To a nation called Israel
 - To Jesus's entrance into the world in Bethlehem
 - To Jesus's new kingdom rule on earth
 - Through the cross where he was identified as a King
 - Where our sin was purchased to be forgiven
 - Diseases, demons, death overcome by the resurrection
 - The receipt of our assurance
 - The already/not yet tension of the Kingdom of God
4. **Purpose...** "I was sent for this purpose..."
 - Jesus's purpose: to bring God's kingdom to earth
 - The Father sent the Son to earth to bring heaven to earth: "For I was sent for this purpose."
5. **Power...**
 - The power of the Holy Spirit indwelt Jesus
 - This same power indwells us who have been born again in Jesus

Acts 1:8

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Romans 8:11

11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

- Jesus's kingdom power lives in you
 - To bring his kingdom to earth
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Application: Because of Jesus' resurrection, **what is your purpose on earth?**

Here is what it should be: To bring God's kingdom to earth!

1. Person

1 Peter 2:9

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

2. Prayer

Matthew 6:10

10 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

3. Presence

Colossians 1:27

27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

4. Peace

John 14:27

27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

5. Practice

Matthew 4:19

19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

6. Perseverance

Romans 5:3

3 We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know they help us develop endurance.

7. Patience

Matthew 24:14

14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Final questions:

1. Which kingdom are you in?
2. How are you bringing heaven to earth?

Colossians 1:13

13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

- Baptisms as a reflection of this truth