

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS ON ME TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

Luke 4:14-30

Key Verse: 4:18-19

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

1. In the power of the Spirit, where did Jesus go, and why (14; Matt 4:14-16)? What did Jesus focus on in the power of the Spirit, and why (15-16; 2Tim 3:16-17; Isa 40:8)?

2. What did Jesus read from Scripture, and why (17-19; Isa 61:1-2; 58:6)? What is the good news that Isaiah proclaimed for the Jews in Babylonian captivity (poor) and how was it fulfilled? How was this a shadow of the Messiah’s work?

3. How did Jesus fulfill each of these in their hearing (20-21): The Spirit is on me: (Isa 11:2); Good news to the poor (Lk 2:10-11); for prisoners (Jn 8:34,36; 9:11; Lk 4:35); for the blind (Jn 9:7, Act 9:12); for the oppressed (Lk 13:16; Heb 2:14-15; Act 4:19)? What does “the year of the Lord’s favor” refer to (Lev 25:10)? How does the good news bless people to be a royal priesthood and a holy nation?

4. How did the listeners respond in two opposite ways (22)? What did “Isn’t this Joseph’s son” mean? What were they demanding? (23-24; Jn 6:34; Lk 24:21; Act 1:6) How did Jesus deal with their rejection (Jn 6:35; Jn 18:36; Mt 6:10; Act 1:8)?

5. Why did Jesus mention the two stories in Scripture that he did (25-27; 1Ki 17:9; 2Ki 5:14; Act 13:46)? How did they react to Jesus’ teaching and what happened (28-30)? Based on the key verses (18-19), what do we learn about who Jesus is and what we should do as his disciples?