

1. Came to Nazareth (**verse 16**)

- Rea -Jesus went to church regularly

- ## 2. Stood up to read (**verse 17**)

- Rea -He picked the place intentionally

- Isaiah 61:2 - a messianic text

- ### 3. Jesus' message/ sermon (**verse 18**)

- A. The Spirit of the Lord is on me

- as was prophesied that the Messiah would be anointed (John 1:33)

- ### B. Anointed me - “Messiah” means Christ

- Rea -with the idea of anointing comes the idea of “picked” or “chosen” one

- ### C. Chosen to...

- 1) preach the gospel to the poor - not limited to them but they are noted

- Rea -the poor were (and still are) overlooked by many. Most churches do not “target” the poor, but instead “target” the “professional” crowd. Why is that?

- 2) preach deliverance to the captives - set at liberty the bruised

- Rea
- those who (because of hardship) have gotten “bruised”
 - the woods are full of church members who’ve gotten bruised somewhere along the way and have quit coming to church.

- 3) preached recovery of sight to the blind

- Rea
- both literally blind and the metaphorically blind
 - since Jesus did not literally enter the prison and set the captive free I think it best to see this analogy metaphorically

- 4) preached the acceptable year of the Lord (19)

- Rea -the right time
-this is the “Jubilee” year - look it up in the Old Testament - this is obviously what Jesus had in mind

4. Gave the “book” back and sat down (verse 20) - everyone looked at Him.

5. All eyes are focused, expectant about what He would say (**verse 21**)

- this is fulfilled in your ears - a messianic claim

- Rea -note the “this day” in this verse - right now. How much clearer could Jesus be!

- How can folk not see that He claims messiahship?

Rea Ideas and Questions:

1. “Bruised” - in a car wreck we get internally “bruised” - can’t see the bruises but getting thrown around in the car bruises us internally - a great analogy (bruised). Isn’t it wonderful that Jesus knows and cares about the bruised?

2. He intentionally

- turns to this passage

- claims that it is fulfilled

- stands up and sits down
- 3. Their response - they “wonder” (verse 22) therefore they “get it”
- 4. So, here at the beginning of His ministry, He makes the claim

II. False Understanding - Luke 4:22-27

1. What did He mean? (**Verse 22**)
 - wondered at His “gracious” words
 2. Is this not Joseph’s son?
 - Rea -family background was not priestly, nor particularly “spiritual”
 3. You will say this (**verse 23**) - physician heal yourself
 - a prediction not just a proverb
 - Rea -I hear the “yeah buts” - often our critics come with a “yeah but”
 - Rea -yeah but you didn’t do it here - always trying to discredit Him - from day one they were opposed
 4. Two examples of how God worked outside of expectations: (**verse 24**)
 - A. The days of Elias (Elijah) - the famine - no prophet is accepted in his own land
 - for 3 and ½ years no rain fell (**verse 25**)
 - There were many widows why did Elijah not help others?
 - he helped the widow at Sarepta, a city of Sidon (**verse 26**)
 - B. The example of Naaman (**verse 27**)
 - there were ample lepers in Jewish territory
 - they had presuppositions about Jesus
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
1. If God spoke to you - are you predisposed to reject it or to receive it?
 - it’s all about attitude
 2. We are blind to the work and word of God
 - sometimes willfully so
 3. Here’s a question - if you don’t see God working does that mean that God is not working?

III. Misguided Response - Luke 4:28-30

1. Filled with wrath (**verse 28**)
 - challenged their prejudices
 2. Rose up and thrust him out of the city (**verse 29**) - wanted to throw Him off a cliff
 3. But, He passed through them (**verse 30**)
 - Rea -implies He did a miracle but does not say that
 - Rea -were not able to cast Him off a cliff because it wasn’t His “time”
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
1. These are the religious folk - verse 28 says they were still in the synagogue
 2. Jesus did not put it in a text, but put His accusation right to their face
 3. From the very beginning He challenged them and they respond with wrath
 4. God can obviously do miracles anywhere at any time... we have to ask ourselves, if God chooses not to do a miracle, is it because of how He sees our response?

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