

I. The Messiah Announces Himself

- A. What is going on here? (see Matthew 4:18ff.; Mark 1:14-15; John 2:1ff.)
- B. "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." (see Exodus 21:2; Deuteronomy 15:12).

II. Good News (Isaiah 61:1-2)

- A. The situation
- B. The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; the Lord has anointed me
- C. To bring good news to the poor (see Matthew 11:5; Luke 7:22)
- D. To bind up the brokenhearted
- E. To proclaim ...
  - 1. Liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound
  - 2. The year of the Lord's favor (see Psalm 103:9; Colossians 3:22-23)
  - 3. The day of vengeance of our God (see Psalm 2:2; Revelation 11:18)

III. Joy and Work

- A. Joy: to grant to those who mourn in Zion ...
  - 1. A beautiful headdress instead of ashes
  - 2. The oil of gladness instead of mourning
  - 3. The garment of praise instead of a faint spirit
- B. Work