

## Luke 4:14-21 The Christ of Jubilee

Christ recovers His people from brokenness.

### 1) Christ comes to a broken humanity.

- a) The poor, the broken hearted, the captives, the blind and the oppressed (v. 18)—those who mourn (Isa. 61)
- b) “Physical or Spiritual” is a false dichotomy foreign to Luke’s Gospel
  - i) All brokenness (bodily, psychological, emotional, sociological, moral) stems from humanity’s broken relationship with God.
  - ii) The Old Testament hope is for a holistic salvation (New Creation)
  - iii) The Gospel of Luke presents the saving work of Christ as reconciliation with God which leads to recovery of the whole person.

### 2) Christ ministered as the Servant of the Lord in the power of the Spirit.

- a) “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me” (v. 18a)—Isaiah’s Suffering Servant of the Lord
- b) “Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee”
- c) Jesus lived in the weakness of human nature, in a fallen world, always depending on the power of the Holy Spirit. Power refers to wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, and the fear of the Lord (Isa. 11:2),
- d) The recovery of our humanity depended on how Christ lived in His own humanity—perfect obedience, climaxing at the cross.

### 3) Christ spoke as the Son of God with His powerful Word.

- a) The mention of the Spirit (vv. 14, 18) points back to Jesus’ baptism where He was identified as the Son of God.
- b) “He taught in their synagogues”—Jesus’ Word is central to His recovery mission.
- c) Four Purposes for Jesus’ Anointing:
  - i) “to proclaim good news” (evangelize)
  - ii) “to herald liberty and recovery of sight”
  - iii) “to send forth in liberty those who are oppressed”—“liberty” is used throughout Luke of God’s forgiveness; true liberty is found in forgiveness and peace with God; apart from this, political and economic liberty is empty because we are still slaves to sinful passions (1 Cor. 7:20-24)
  - iv) “to herald the year of the Lord’s favor”—Lev. 25:8-17 The Year of Jubilee is developed by Isaiah as a picture of eschatological salvation
- d) “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” The emphasis is on the importance of “hearing” Christ’s Word.

Because Christ recovers His people from their brokenness by His Word and Spirit we can be comforted in sorrow, enjoy true liberty, grow in the knowledge of God, and live in hope of the full and final recovery of our lives in a new creation by continuing in Christ’s Word.