

“The Gospel According To Jesus”

An Inaugural Sermon In Jesus’ Hometown

Luke 4:14-21

What is the best sermon you have ever heard? After Doctor Luke related the COMING of the Son of Man (1:1-4:13), he turns our attention to the MINISTRY of the Son of Man (4:14-9:50). This sermon in the Nazareth synagogue was not Jesus’ first, however Luke carefully selected this sermon 1) for its Messianic pronouncement and 2) because it connects Jesus’ special childhood (Mt. 2:23) with his adult labors in the kingdom of God. He was preaching the Biblical Gospel, a Gospel that hinged on *himself*. On this special day come near and hear Jesus himself proclaim the Gospel in his hometown. It is a Gospel that was decisively confirmed when Jesus rose up from the grave victorious over death and sin!

I. Jesus “_____ Christ” in the _____ of the _____ (v 14, 16-18a)

- 1) Today Nazareth is a large city (65,000 residents), but in Jesus’ day it was a tiny rural _____ of likely less than 500. A Jesus-era house was uncovered in 2009.
- 2) He came “in the _____ of the Spirit” with an _____, Biblical message.
- 3) With Isaiah 61:1-2 in his mouth he laid _____ to the Messianic “_____ Songs.”
- 4) The spiritual power of his teaching awakened people’s _____ and _____.

II. Jesus _____ good _____ to the _____ (v 15, 18)

- 1) He focused on the _____ (see 6:20) because they were aware of their NEED.
- 2) The Gospel contain _____, _____, recovery, and God’s _____?
- 3) He brought this message to the _____, those in _____ and oppression.
- 4) The good news is a source of _____ that gives _____!

III. Jesus _____ God’s promises to the _____.

- 1) _____ (v 19): a prolonged period when salvation would come to God’s people.
- 2) On this day Jesus proclaimed himself _____. Do you share him this way?
- 3) The main _____ of his sermon was verified by his _____!
- 4) Confess (anew or for the first time): Jesus is _____ of _____!