

The Year of the Lord's Favor

Luke 4:14-30

Key Verses:

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. (v18-19)

Read Luke 4:14-30. What was your take-away from Sunday's sermon?

1. Where did Jesus start his ministry (14a,16a)? When Jesus was full of the power of the Spirit, what did he do first (15)? Why did Jesus choose to read Isaiah 61:1-2 (17)?
2. Read verse 18. What do the words "the Spirit of the Lord is on me" mean?
3. What is the good news for prisoners, the blind, and the oppressed (John 8:34-36; Luke 4:31-36; Hebrews 2:14-15)? What is "the year of the Lord's favor" (Lev 25:8-17)? How does the Jubilee renew people personally and as a society?
4. How was Isaiah's prophecy fulfilled by Jesus (v20-21)? What did Jesus want them to realize and why? How did they respond (22)?
5. How did Jesus understand their rejection (v23-24)? In what ways did Jesus challenge them based on what God had done through Elijah and Elisha (v25-27)? Why did the people become so furious (v28-30)?
6. How should they have responded?
7. Jesus makes it very clear in His sermon on Isaiah 61:1-2 what God had sent Him to do. His Spirit-anointed, God-appointed mission was clear. Read John 20:21. As a follower of Jesus, how is Christ calling you to preach the gospel to the poor, blind and oppressed?