

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"The Rejection Of Jesus"
Luke 4:14-30
Study-13

Matthew's Gospel "Behold Your King" begins with the laws of the kingdom in the Sermon on the Mount. **Mark's Gospel** "God's Servant" plunges Jesus immediately into action. **Luke's Gospel** "The Son of Man" starts with His birth, youth, Jesus' first sermon where He was brought up in His hometown in which He is rejected!

The Outline of the Gospel of Luke

Luke 1:1-4:13 The Introduction Of The Son Of Man

Luke 4:14-9:50 The Ministry Of The Son Of Man

Luke 4:14-30 The Authority Of His Words: (Preach The Gospel)

Luke 4:31-44 The Authority Of His Works: (Demons, Sickness)

Thought Of Our Passage: "Jesus, Anointed And Empowered By The Holy Spirit, Was Foretold In Scripture But Was Rejected At Home."

1. Verses 14-22 Jesus Received

2. Verses 23-30 Jesus Rejected

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Luke 4:14 And

Context - This takes us back to **Luke 4:1-13** Jesus was led by His Father into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil.

Luke 4:13

Verses 14-15 Summary Report Of His Galilean Ministry:

Jesus returned to Galilee - Luke follows Mark's gospel **Mark 1:14-15**

Between **Verses 13-14** there is a period or gap of 14-months

(John 1:29-5:47) Luke chooses to start with Jesus' ministry to where He was brought up. (Son of Man)

in the power of the Spirit; The word **power** – English "*dynamite, dynamic, explosive power*"

and news (*fame* – "to say") **about Him spread through all the surrounding district. (Josephus "240 cities and villages")**

Matthew 4:23-25 doing many miracles

Luke 4:15 And He began teaching in their synagogues and was praised by all.

And He began teaching in their synagogue – The Synagogue is not to be confused with the temple. The Temple was in Jerusalem. The Synagogue came into existence as a result of Israel being cast into Babylonian captivity.

The Synagogue had 3 functions:

1. Place to read the Scriptures. They would recite the Shema
Deut. 6:4-9
2. Place of Exposition of the Scriptures (explained and applied to life).
3. Place of prayer.

and was praised by all. (Matthew 4:23-25) Teaching that the people were reacting to.

praised – we get the word doxology which is reserved for the praise of God. "*render (or esteem) glorious glorify honor, magnify*"

Luke 4:16 And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; Jesus comes back to his hometown. Believed by many to be a homecoming.

and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, (Jesus was a regular Church Attendee) **and stood up to read.** (Visiting teacher, Rabbi invited)

Luke 4:17-18, Isaiah 61:1-2; 58:6 (Every Jew understood this passage to be referring to the coming Messiah)

Jesus Gives His Credentials: "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, - The context describes a prophetic figure who declares the arrival of divine salvation for the nation. Jesus anointed by the Holy Spirit!

BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME - This is a reference to the anointing of the Holy Spirit that took place at baptism. **Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit to perform a special ministry. (Jesus' Ministry Is Stated In 4 Points)**

#1 Ministry Of Jesus - Being Sent To Preach The Gospel To The Poor: TO PREACH THE GOSPEL - The term **GOSPEL** – means "*Good News*" so good is the news that it meant, stop the press.

TO THE POOR. Those that see themselves spiritually bankrupt; as sinners before God.

#2 Ministry Of Jesus - Being Sent To Preach Release To Captives, And Sight To The Blind: HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO

THE CAPTIVES, - Those that are held captive as prisoners of war, prisoners through sin, released from the bondage of sin. **Isaiah 58:6**

AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, - The sinner is so blind that he does not know that he is blind. **Acts 26:17-18**

#3 Ministry Of Jesus - Being Sent To Release The Oppressed: TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, - Speaks of those that are "*broken, bruised, broken to pieces, shattered, because of sin*" Messed up relationship, depressed!

#4 Ministry Of Jesus - Being Sent To Announce Salvation Is Now: Luke 4:19 TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD. "The Year Of Jubilee" - Every 49 years Israel's land was to revert back to the original owners. Slaves were set free. **Leviticus 25:8-17; John 8:36; 2 Corinthians 6:2**

Luke 4:20 and sat down; - This was the posture of the Rabbi expounding on the passage just read. People would stand, the Rabbi would sit.

and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed upon Him.
"gazing intently"

Luke 4:21 "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Literally, "*in your ears*" Scripture is fulfilled! Jesus is claiming to be the Messiah **Mark 1:15**

He omitted a portion of the passage **Isaiah 61:2 And the day of vengeance of our God:**

Jesus is claiming 2 things here:

- 1. Jesus was the Consolation of Israel, the Messiah:**
- 2. Jesus was bringing favor to Israel through salvation, not vengeance:**

Luke 4:22 speaking well of Him, "*witnessing well of Him*" Notice the people are **speaking well of Him** but they are not **persuaded by Him**.

and wondering ("*astonished, marvel*") **at the gracious words** (*offering salvation*) **which were falling from His lips; Matthew 7:28-29**

and they were saying, "Is this not Joseph's son?" The answer is **"NO!"** Jesus is the Son of God! **Luke 3:22**

2. Verses 23-30 Jesus Rejected

Luke 4:23 And He said to them, "No doubt you will quote this proverb to Me, - Jesus was not swayed by their so-called positive response. Jesus verbalized their thoughts, exposed their hearts.

'Physician, heal yourself! They are implying that *Jesus is sick Himself, He should first work on Himself.* **Jesus should do his work in his own backyard**

Whatever we heard was done at Capernaum - They were aware of the miracles that Jesus had performed. **do here in your hometown as well.'** Seeing is believing!

Luke 4:24 The old saying holds true "Familiarity Breeds Contempt"

Verses 25-26 Example Of Elijah And The Gentile Widow: Luke 4:25 (1 Kings 17:1) Jesus was like Elijah, sent from God!

Luke 4:26 but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. (1 Kings 17:7-16)

1 Kings 17:13-14 If those in Nazareth would trust Jesus they would see!

Verse 27 Example Of Elisha And Naaman The Syrian: Luke 4:27 (2 Kings 5:1-19) God heals a Gentile man. Jesus was like Elisha!

Jesus is saying 2 things:

1. Our period of time is just like the dark apostate period of old.
2. The Gentiles that were disliked by Israel were more worthy of ministry than Israel.

Luke 4:28 Parishioners failed to see themselves as being poor, blind, captive and oppressed John 1:11-12

Luke 4:29 in order to throw Him down the cliff. Luke 2:34

Luke 4:30 He went His way. No record of Jesus ever returning! Rejection Is Irreparable!

Application:

- 1.** "Seeing Is Believing" - Jesus Taught, "Believing Is Seeing". The Unbelieving Heart Will Never Be Persuaded Through Seeing Until We Believe.
- 2.** Speaking Well Of Jesus Never Replaces Being Persuaded By Jesus.
- 3.** Jesus Can't Help Us Until We Are Willing To See Ourselves As Being Poor, Blind, Captive And Oppressed.