

THE BOOK of LUKE

Sermon Title Scripture Verse

14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

18 "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,

19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him.

- 21 He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."
- ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.
- ²³ Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself!' And you will tell me, 'Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum."



24 "Truly I tell you," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵ I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. ²⁶ Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. ²⁷ And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed only Naaman the Syrian."



28 All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.











- One of the first principles from Jesus is:
 - olf Jesus isn't Lord of the 1000 small moments of your every day life, he's not Lord of your life because that's where life is lived.
- Jesus lived in 1000s of little moments, and he couldn't do it without the Holy Spirt.
 - olf he couldn't do it, can you hope to live without the Holy Spirit?



- Opening your life to live with the Spirit (Piper):
 - Meditate on Scripture.
 - Trust in what you see and hear in the Word.
 - oLive it out in obedience.
 - Truly desire the Spirit (Ps. 63:1)



- Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus goes to church- as was his custom!
- We're so over-confident in our ability to walk with Jesus all on our own, without church and church people.
- It was Jesus' custom to go to church; shouldn't it be ours (is that a sign of being filled with the Spirit??)



He reads from Isaiah 61 and gives more clues about what the Spirit-filled life looks like:

1. Jesus will be ministering to people's physical needs.

If you're not ministering to people's physical needs, are you walking in the Spirit?

2. The greater thing Jesus came to do-the GOOD NEWS- is that he transforms us and meets the deepest needs of our souls



- They're so excited; then Jesus drops the bomb!
 - I'm the one who's going to do all of this (Messiah; claim to Deity).
 - My work is going to pass over the empty religious people and be given to the most needy who come to me in faith.



- Now, they're enraged- Why?
- 1- You're telling me I'm not good?
- 2- You're telling me I can't make myself good?
- 3- You're telling me I have to rely on God to make me acceptable to Him.



- They wanted to murder Jesus!
- You can be angry at Jesus.
- OR you can be angry at your pride, your dead religion, your endless attempts at behavior change.
- And turn to Jesus' GOOD NEWS!



- Jesus is pushing us to really, truly trust in him.
 - To trust that our freedom, joy and souls satisfaction can only be found in Holy Spirit-filled relationship with Jesus.
 - To trust that he came to help us in the real, physical world, but that only points us to the spiritual freedom we get from trusting Jesus.
- There's initial freedom- putting faith in Jesus now.
- There's daily walk with the Holy Spirit in 1000 little things.

...and Jesus left and never returned.

What does it look like when God walks away? Salvation- is today your day? Don't walk away without it!

Christian- don't let your rebellion continue and risk Jesus moving on to more willing followers.

Today could be your last day- come to him in faith for salvation; walk with him in some new area of faith!!



