

Sermon Outline October 7, 2012

"Jesus Not Rightly Read"

Luke 4:14-30

If you have been noticing / remembering our studies in this Gospel of Luke you have probably noticed certain recurring themes:

(1) The activity of the Holy Spirit:

(A.) John the Baptist will be filled with the Spirit from the womb – Luke 1:15

(B.) Jesus will be conceived by the Holy Spirit – Luke 1:35

(C.) Elizabeth is filled with the Spirit – Luke 1:41

(D.) Zacharias is filled with the Spirit – Luke 1:67

(E.) The Holy Spirit is on Simeon – Luke 2:25

(F.) The Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus like a dove – Luke 3:22

(G.) Jesus is filled and led by the Spirit – Luke 4:1

(H.) Jesus' ministry is in the power of the Holy Spirit – Luke 4:14

(I.) The Holy Spirit upon Jesus (the Christ) was read by Jesus as the most important part of the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah – Luke 4:17-21

(2) The proclamation of Jesus being the Son of God / the Christ

(A) In his announcement to Mary about Jesus' birth the angel Gabriel calls Jesus the Son Of the Highest – Luke 1:32 and the Son of God – Luke 1:35

(B) Jesus called "Christ the Lord" by the angel who announced His birth to the Shepherds – Luke 2:8

(C) Simeon recognized Jesus as "Christ" "Salvation" and "Revelation to the Gentiles" Luke 2:25

(D) Jesus speaking of His Father's business in Luke 2:49 was a reference to God the FATHER! Implying He is God's Son!

(E) God's recognition of Jesus at His baptism "You are my beloved Son" Luke 3:22

(F) Jesus' claiming the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah was a claim to be the Christ, the Anointed One – Luke 4:17-21

(3) Lack of faith, questioning of Jesus, questioning of Jesus' identity, doubts about His being the Christ, God's Son –

(A) Zacharias unbelief – Luke 1:18-20

(B) Mary's / Joseph's lack of understanding – Luke 2:48-49

(C) The Devil's / Satan's challenges to Jesus' being the "Son of God" – Luke 4:3& 4:9

(D) The grave mistake of the people of Nazareth, "is not this Joseph's son?" Luke 4:22

It is important to recognize these themes as EMPHASISES that we might learn TRUTH and avoid ERROR!

I. See Jesus as Christ, rightly and graciously READING God's Word –

And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; ¹⁹ To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." ²⁰ Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. ²¹ And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." (Luke 4:17-21 NKJ)

1. Note, it was and is RIGHT for Jesus to see Himself as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy –

A. He was gloriously Spirit empowered - :18; :14 & Luke 3:22

B. He came to do and did do the things prophesied –

Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region. ¹⁵ And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. ¹⁶ So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. (Luke 4:14-16 NKJ)

C. God, at least a couple angels and many Spirit-filled people had repeatedly and powerfully claimed Jesus was the (is the) Christ and MORE –

And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased." (Luke 3:22 NKJ)

2. His teaching / reading of God's Word rightly emphasized the gracious nature of Jesus' first coming –

A. *His graciousness is something even His eventual enemies could not deny –*

²² **So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. (Luke 4:22 NKJ)**

B. *Yet, His GRACIOUSNESS is seen even more powerfully when we consider more carefully the PORTION of Scripture Jesus read from Isaiah and what HE said about it –*

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ² To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, ... (Isaiah 61:1-2A NKJ)

Notice He also quotes from Isaiah 42:7 (see 42:6-7)

⁷ **To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the prison, Those who sit in darkness from the prison house. (Isaiah 42:6-7 NKJ)**

NOTE: He STOPS reading before Isaiah 61:2 B - And the day of vengeance of our God; ... (Isaiah 61:2B NKJ)

Why? He was reading ONLY that portion that was fulfilled in their hearing, that day –

²¹ **And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." (Luke 4:17-21 NKJ)**

He was not sent the first time to bring WRATH or CONDEMNATION but grace –

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. (John 3:14-17 NKJ)

II. *See the people of Nazareth wrongly reading Christ and God's Word, to their own condemnation –*

1. *They were impressed by His teaching BUT –*

So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" (Luke 4:22 NKJ)

A. *It is the same misunderstanding about Jesus' TRUE IDENTITY we saw earlier in Mary and Joseph –*

So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. ⁴⁶ Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. ⁴⁸ So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." ⁴⁹ And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" (Luke 2:45-49 NKJ)

But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. (Luke 2:50 NKJ)

B. *It is also the same wicked questioning we see from Satan –*

And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." (Luke 4:3 NKJ)

Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. (Luke 4:9 NKJ)

He said to them, "You will surely say this proverb to Me, Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country." (Luke 4:23 NKJ)

III. *Jesus rightly reads their lack of faith, confronts it, is rejected (violently) and LEAVES them –*

He said to them, "You will surely say this proverb to Me, Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country." ²⁴ Then He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country. ²⁵ But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land; ²⁶ but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, in the region of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷ And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸ So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, ²⁹ and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. ³⁰ Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way. (Luke 4:23-30 NKJ)

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