

Jesus' First Message to His Own People

Luke 4:14-30

This passage records Jesus' _____ public sermon in the synagogue in His hometown of Nazareth
By claiming to fulfill Isaiah 61:1-2, Jesus introduced Himself to the people of His hometown as their _____

I. THE FOCUS OF THE MESSIAH'S MINISTRY (4:18-19)

- A. The Messiah Will Preach the Good News to the _____
 - 1) The Messiah is Prophet, Priest and King: by reading Isaiah 61, Jesus claimed the role of _____
 - 2) "Poor" has a socio-economic sense, but also refers to those willing to admit their _____ to Jesus
- B. The Messiah Will Proclaim Liberty to the _____
 - 1) By using the word "captives" Jesus is harking back to Israel's history of being exiled from their land by other nations; it is something like talking to Americans about _____
 - 2) But Israel went in captivity because of their _____ and only the Messiah can deliver from sin
- C. The Messiah Will Proclaim Recovery of Sight to the _____
 - 1) The gospels are filled with stories of Jesus _____ the blind, deaf, lame and leprous
 - 2) Jesus' healing ministry was intended to point to His power to meet the greater needs of the _____
- D. The Messiah Will Proclaim the Acceptable _____ of the Lord
 - 1) According to Leviticus 25, Israel was to proclaim the Year of Jubilee once every _____ years
 - 2) At this year, all Jewish slaves were freed and all property was _____ back to the original owners
 - 3) For Israelites, the Year of Jubilee became a metaphor for age ushered in by the _____

Two misconceptions can keep us from understanding what happened when Jesus finished reading Isaiah 61:1-2:

- 1) *In the synagogue men did not stand up behind a pulpit to preach, but rather _____ down to preach*
- 2) *This event did not take place at the beginning of Jesus' ministry: for months He had been at _____*

II. THE EXTENT OF THE MESSIAH'S MINISTRY (4:20-27)

- A. The Context: The Response of the Townspeople to Jesus
 - 1) The townspeople were impressed by Jesus' _____ —that the Messianic Age was dawning
 - 2) But they were offended by the _____: the son of the carpenter who used to live next door
 - 3) The only way the townspeople would believe was if Jesus did _____ like He did in Capernaum
- B. The Insight: The Response of Jesus to the Townspeople
 - 1) Jesus responded with insight: "Familiarity breeds _____ ." Their hearts were filled with envy. *Jesus was NOT counseling that ministers should never go back to their home _____ to minister*
 - 2) Jesus then returned to introducing Himself as Messiah: The Messiah's ministry is to _____

III. THE REACTION TO THE MESSIAH'S MINISTRY (4:28-30)

- A. John 1:11: "He came unto His own and His own received Him _____!"
- B. Jesus' ministry always elicits a reaction: either to believe and follow Him or to seek to _____ Him