

Luke 4:14-21

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.”

Luke 5:27-32

²⁷ After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. “Follow me,” Jesus said to him, ²⁸ and Levi got up, left everything and followed him.

²⁹ Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. ³⁰ But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”

³¹ Jesus answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ³² I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

Series: God’s Story: Finding our Place in His Unfolding Plan

Oct 1, 2017: Jesus’s Mission to Sinners

Noah’s Ark or Outpost?

What do you think of the story of West Berlin?

Were the western allies foolish or wise?

If the church is merely a safe haven, what are we missing?

Haven our Outpost – what have you observed and experienced?

What Jesus is Here to Do (4:14-21)

Do you feel or think of God as far away and detached?

How can this affect our actions in the church?

What do Isaiah 57:15 and John 1:14, 18 say about God?

4:14-19 – What did Jesus say that He came to do?

Find the action words (verbs) that He uses.

How can these be applied both physically and spiritually?

4:19-21 – Jesus declares that the year of the Lord’s favor has come, and that the prophecy of Isaiah 61:1-2 has been fulfilled in Him.

How does this relate to His gospel message? (Mark 1:14-15)

What did He come to do? (John 3:16-17, Hebrews 9:28)

Who Jesus is Here For (5:27-32)

4:21-30 – How did Jesus’s audience initially react, and how does Jesus respond?

4:31-5:26 – Who does Jesus pursue, and who does He avoid?

5:27-30 – Why would the religious leaders disapprove of Jesus eating with tax collectors?

5:31-32 – What is Jesus’s explanation?

Light Shines in the Darkness

From what we see in Jesus’s message and ministry, what kind of people did He come to help? How are we called to respond to Him?

From what we’ve seen today, what would it look like to follow Jesus’s example, in your life? (Matthew 5:14-16)

