

Luke

4:14-30

Jesus in Nazareth

Our Three Questions

1. What does it say?

- Authorial intent to intended audience

2. What does it mean?

- Timeless theological truth

3. How does it apply?

- Landing it in our lives

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recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

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And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²² And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth.

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And they said, “Is not this Joseph's son?”²³ And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Physician, heal yourself.” What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.””

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24 And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown.

25 But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land,

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²⁶ and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.

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28 When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath.

29 And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff.

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30,000 Feet

What's the big idea?

Why does Luke start here?

- **Messianic preview**
- **A microcosm of a bigger truth**

John 1:9-13

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

John 1:9-13

¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Romans 9-11

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The Spirit in Luke so far

- **Conceived of the Spirit – 1:35**
- **Foretold by the Spirit – 1:41-45, 67-79, 2:24-42**
- **Anointed by the Spirit – 3:21-22**
- **Full of and lead by the Spirit – 4:1**
- **Ministering by the Spirit – 4:14**

Acts 2:37-39

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸ And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins,

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and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

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- Jesus is invited to preach back home
- He reads a Messianic text
 - An overview of Jesus' ministry
 - “Get ready” vs. “It is here”

Luke 4:22

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Mark 6:2-3

² And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands?”

Mark 6:2-3

³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

Matthew 13:53-57

Luke 4:23-24

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The Saying

- Performance for proof
- Matthew 27:42, Mark 15:31, Luke 23:35

Prophets dishonored at home

- Familiarity breeds skepticism

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- After rejection, prophets are sent
 - Jesus is the Messiah ... for foreigners
- Jesus calls out sin as a prophet
 - Loveless tribalism
- Marveling skeptics → murderous rage

What do we learn

- **On mission with the familiar**
- **The job of prophets and Christians**
- **The ugliness of tribalism**
- **A warning again pride**

Application

- **Go where God sends you**
- **Deal with sin directly**
- **Guard your heart against tribalism**
- **Be hungry & thirsty for righteousness**

Questions

Did anything jump out at you from the text or the message?

Have you ever had an experience with someone in your community or with your family, where the Lord asked you to engage the topic of sin or righteousness and it didn't go well?

Jesus is rejected because He is too close to the people and yet He is hated for loving people that aren't enough like those same folks. Do you find it difficult to receive from people that are too close to you or too far away culturally? If so, why do you think that is?

We talked a bit engaging sin directly. Do you find that difficult to do? If so, why do you think that is?