

## Luke 4 Pt 2

Love your God with all your heart, your soul, all your strength.

After victory over Satan by denying self, Word of God, Love of the Father...

### V. Uncompromising Truth

**14 ...Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee**

He who, through the grace of God, resists and overcomes temptation, is always bettered by it. This is one of the wonders of God's grace, that those very things which are designed for our utter ruin he **makes the instruments of our greatest good**. Thus Satan is ever duped by his own [schemes], and caught in his own trap." [Clarke]

**Victory is sweetest when it seemed most impossible!  
We are not to test God...We are to prove God's Power**

- **Filled w/power of Spirit** Jesus heads home to Galilee...

**14b...** and news of [Jesus] went out through all the surrounding region. **15** And [Jesus] taught in their synagogues, being **glorified by all.**

- **Glorified by all heard His teaching:** Lit. Given full weight what He deserved

**Honored/Magnified/Praised**

**16** So [Jesus] 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.

- **Nazareth:** Those He grew up with. Watched Him grow up
- In Jewish Synagogue on Sabbath/Stand to read OT

**17** And [Jesus] 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."** [Isaiah 61:1-2]

- **Handed Scroll of Isaiah:** Rolls it down to text speaking of Messiah
  1. Anointed by the Spirit of God
  2. Preach the Gospel
  3. Heal/Set Free/Offer Salvation

**20** Then Jesus **closed the book**, and **gave it back** to the attendant and **sat down.**

**Rolls up Scroll/hands back to attendant/Sits down in front of people**  
People are perplexed...More to that verse?

The Messiah will proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord  
Jesus purposefully omits...**And the day of vengeance of our God**

- **Jesus stops mid-verse:** Implying Messiah will come twice...
  1. Proclaim Good News
  2. Proclaim Bad News

**20b...** And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on [Jesus].  
21 And He began to say to them, "Today this **Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.**"

### **This verse speaks of Me... I Am the Messiah**

22 So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the **gracious words** which proceeded out of His mouth.

- **Gracious:** That which affords joy, pleasure, delight, sweetness, charm, loveliness
- **Marveled:** Yet...How can the Carpenters boy attribute these Words to Himself?

**22b...** And they said, "**Is this not Joseph's son?**"

Everything was going so well at church, then...  
Sea Change as Family/Friends/Neighbors turn on Him

- **OT** Joseph telling family about God-given dreams: **One day you'll bow to me!**

**Genesis 37:8** [Joseph's] brothers said to him, "**Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?**" So they **hated him** even more for his dreams and for his words... **11** And **his brothers envied [Joseph]**

- **Envy:** Hated Jesus for his words. But His words were true.

**Luke 19:14** Parable Nobleman leaves says coming back] But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, '**We will not have this man to reign over us.**'

**John 1:11** He came to His own, and **His own did not receive Him.**

**Has Jesus become too familiar/too common to believe in Him?**  
**Jesus warns them:** Don't keep going this direction...

23 [Jesus] 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.'"

- **Fulfilled at Cross:** Heal Yourself/Do a trick for us!

**Matthew 27:42** He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now **come down from the cross**, and we will believe him.

**Psalm 22:6** But I am a worm, and no man; A reproach of men, and despised by the people.  
7 All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, 8  
"He trusted in the Lord, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!"...  
12 Many bulls have surrounded Me; Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me.13 They gape  
at Me with their mouths, Like a raging and roaring lion. [Another opportune time for Satan?]

24 Then [Jesus] said, "Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his  
own country."

- How did your family receive you when saved? Just a fad?

Jesus is relentless to Family, Friends, Neighbors  
**Because He loves them...He tells them the Truth**

**Luke 4:34** "Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace  
but a sword. 35 For I have come to 'set a man against his father, a daughter against her  
mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law'; 36 and 'a man's enemies will be  
those of his own household.' 37 He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy  
of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. 38 And he who  
does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. 39 He who finds his life will  
lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it."

- **Jesus Words:** Threshing Floor of Soul Separation
  1. Don't think because you're a Jew you're safe
  2. Don't think because you're religious you're safe

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 [Gentile] 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 [Gentile]."

- Those who know need/Trust in Me...will be saved.
- Don't think the cloak of religiosity/nationalism will save you...**Only safe In Jesus**

OT Prophesied Messiah would go to Jews first/Be rejected

**Luke 19:43** "...days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around  
you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44 and level you, and your children within  
you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you **did  
not know the time of your visitation.**"

Believing is a choice...or unbelief would not be a sin  
This is the time of visitation...Today is the acceptable day of Salvation

**2 Corinthians 6:2** Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, **now is the day of salvation.**

**You will reject Me and I will go the Gentiles who will listen...**

Obviously, Jesus is not being truly seeker-sensitive here. Some today might say that He needed help in tailoring His message so that it would be easier and more enjoyable to hear. [Guzik]

- **Later Jesus would go back to Galilee/Rejected again** [Mat 13]

**Matthew 13:58** Now [Jesus] did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

- I won't believe until I see? No... You won't see **until you believe**
- Do we want to get well? Or are we perfectly **comfortable in our pride/misery?**

**John 5:5** Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" [I do but don't know what to do] ... **8** Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." 9 And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked.

I'll heal those/make whole those who know their need...**no matter who they are**

**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.

**At first Glorified by all who heard His teaching now they want to kill Him  
Teaching got hard/personal/demanded change**

- **Jesus came to speak Truth...**as we are to do

**2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word!** Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

- Teachers of God's Word cannot be people pleasers...at all

**Jesus didn't come to tell fables...He came to speak Truth  
IOWs Deny it and you wont live happily ever after.**

**Rejected good news:** Rose up **in church** to throw Jesus off a cliff... Snuff the Light

**John 3:9** ...this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light..

**Don't tell us what to do! We will drive You away!  
People can't be that stupid to think they can win against God...can they?**

**Psalms 2:1** [Armageddon] Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, 3 "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens shall laugh...

Word Given. Truth Declared. Filled with Wrath  
**Those who knew Him rose up in church drag Him to a cliff...**

30 Then **passing through the midst of them**, He went His way.

- **Jesus:** My time has not yet come

**We are Invincible until God fulfills His purpose in us**

**Psalm 18:28** [David pursued Saul]...You will light my lamp; The Lord my God will enlighten my darkness. 29 For by You I can run against [lit. *through*] a troop, By my God I can leap over a wall.

- **Passed through the midst of them...**

In this situation, Jesus could have backed off the cliff and been rescued by angels-as Satan suggested in the third temptation. Instead, Jesus chose a more "normal miracle," if there is such a thing. [Guzik]

**SUMMARY Uncompromising Truth:** Offer of Salvation declined. Unbelief will lead to broken lives/eternal judgment. Jesus continues to love **because some would believe...**

## **VI. Unrelenting Love**

31 Then [Jesus] went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbaths. 32 And they were astonished at His teaching, **for His word was with authority.**

- **Capernaum:** Home Base of Jesus/Apostles

**These were astonished...Spoke the Word with Authority.**  
**God's Word spoken with God's Authority makes demons squeal. Sweet sound.**

33 Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a **spirit of an unclean demon**. And he cried out with a loud voice, 34 saying, "**Let us alone!** What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the **Holy One of God!**"

**Jesus still speaking with authority ...in Church**  
**Demons cry out of a man in Loud Voices**

- Let us alone/What have we to do with you Jesus of Nazareth?
- Did you come to destroy us [plural]
- I [now singular] know who You are **Holy One of God**

35 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "**Be quiet, and come out of him!**" And when the demon had thrown him in their midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him.

## **Jesus' complete authority over evil:** Hush up/come out of him!

- **Demon hurls** the man into the congregation
  1. One last act of contempt
  2. Demons desire to stay in their host [cf. Luke 11:24-26]
- **Man is delivered** from the devil w/out harm
- **Jesus' authority** overrules Demons desire to stay

Fulfillment of Luke 4:18

### **Messiah will bring liberty to those held captive by Satan**

- **Q.** Why in Capernaum not Galilee.
- **A. Because they believed...thus they saw**

36 Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, "What a word this is! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out." 37 And the report about Him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

### **Jesus has power over Demons** News spreads like wildfire

- After a busy morning of teaching/delivering man from demons...

38 [Jesus] arose from the synagogue and entered Simon's house. But Simon's wife's mother was sick with a high fever...

- **After church** Jesus goes to Simon [Peters] house...
  1. Peter not yet an Apostle
  2. Peter has a wife. **This particular pope is married**
  3. Peter's mother-in-law sick with high fever

**38b...**and [Peter and his wife] made request of Him concerning her. 39 So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, **and it left her.**

- **A request to Jesus is a prayer to God**
  1. Rebukes a fever: This fever caused by enemy
  2. Fulfills another prophesy of Messiah; **Healer. Jehovah Rapha**

**39b...**And immediately [Peter's mother in law] arose and served them.

- **Correct response to Grace**      Serve
- **Correct motive for Serving**      Love

**1 John 1:19** We love Him **because He first loved us.**

40 When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.

- **Sun Sets:** Long day! Jesus continues to love...
  1. Jesus still at Peter's house
  2. **ALL** who had **ANY** sickness or **VARIOUS** diseases are on Peter's front lawn

### **Jesus touched/healed every one of them**

- Jesus continues to heal today, but...
- Why does Jesus not heal ALL sickness today?
  1. **Unbelief:** Could do no miracle because God would not be glorified in unbelief
  2. **Greater purpose:** That our lives would glorify God to others. Grace sufficient

Here Jesus heals all establishing His authority as Messiah

**One day Jesus will heal ALL His kids completely**

**Revelation 21:4** ...God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

- **Peters front lawn a spectacle in neighborhood:** Sick healed. People rejoicing

41 And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of God!" And He, rebuking them, did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ. 42 Now when it was day, He departed and went into a deserted place.

### **Healing Sick/Casting out Demons all night long Jesus departs spend time with the Father**

**42b** ...and the crowd sought Him and came to Him, and tried to keep Him from leaving them 43 but He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent." 44 **And He was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.** [Back to Galilee]

**SUMMARY Jesus Uncompromising Truth/Unrelenting Love**