

# SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

## Beauty From Ashes

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- **The essence of Good News is that our reality is fundamentally altered for the better.**

- **What is the Good News and what implications does it have for us?**

Luke 4:16-21 (NLT) When [Jesus] came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures. <sup>17</sup> The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written: <sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, <sup>19</sup>and that the time of the Lord’s favour has come.” <sup>20</sup> He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, and sat down. All eyes in the synagogue looked at him intently.<sup>21</sup> Then he began to speak to them. “The Scripture you’ve just heard has been fulfilled this very day!”

Isaiah 61:1-3a (NLT) The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me, for the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the broken-hearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed. <sup>2</sup> He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of the Lord’s favour has come, and with it, the day of God’s anger against their enemies. <sup>3</sup> To all who mourn in Israel, he will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair.

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- **Messiah will (2) “comfort the broken-hearted”**

- **Messiah will (3) “proclaim that captives will be released” and (4) “prisoners will be freed”**

- **Messiah will (5) announce “the time of the LORD’s favour.”**

- **Messiah will also (6) “announce the day of God’s anger against their enemies.”**

- **Messiah will (7) “comfort mourners.”**

John 11:25-26 (NLT) Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. <sup>26</sup> Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?”

- **Jesus as the Messiah ushers in a new reality that is truly Good News.**

Isaiah 61:3b-7 (NLT) In their righteousness, they will be like great oaks that the Lord has planted for his own glory. <sup>4</sup> They will rebuild the ancient ruins, repairing cities destroyed long ago. They will revive them, though they have been deserted for many generations. <sup>5</sup> Foreigners will be your servants. They will feed your flocks and plow your fields and tend your vineyards. <sup>6</sup> You will be called priests of the Lord, ministers of our God. You will feed on the treasures of the nations and boast in their riches. <sup>7</sup> Instead of shame and dishonour, you will enjoy a double share of honour. You will possess a double portion of prosperity in your land, and everlasting joy will be yours.

- **God saves you from sin but for mission.**

- **God’s people will rebuild, repair, & revive as representatives of Jesus Christ.**

1 Peter 2:9 (NLT) But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

**Big Idea: Embrace your role as a chosen, & holy, representative of Jesus Christ.**

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- 3) **Observation:** What "jumps out" in this passage? What interesting details do you observe? Is anything repeated? What questions come up about the passage? What surprises you in the passage? Are there connecting words or ideas? How is this passage related to Luke 4:16-21?
- 4) **Meaning:** What meaning is inferred in this passage and what does this tell us about the Messiah? How is Jesus the fulfillment of this Messianic figure? What implications does this have for you?
- 5) What does this passage reveal to us about our purpose as God's people? What does it look like to be "an oak of righteousness for the display of God's splendour"?
- 6) What would it look like for your IC to rebuild, repair, & revive as representatives of Jesus Christ?
- 7) **Application:** How does this passage call on you to change the way you live? What will you do this week as a result of this teaching? What aspect of this teaching do you need to pass on to others?



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