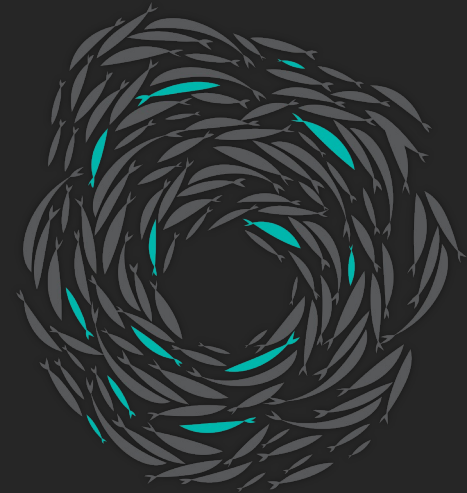
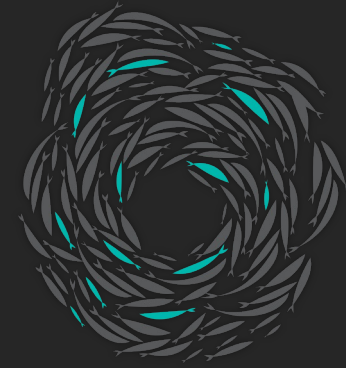




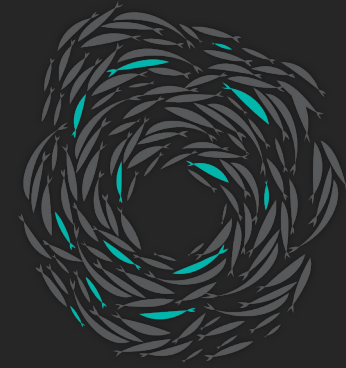
A Prophet Without Honor Jesus Rejected

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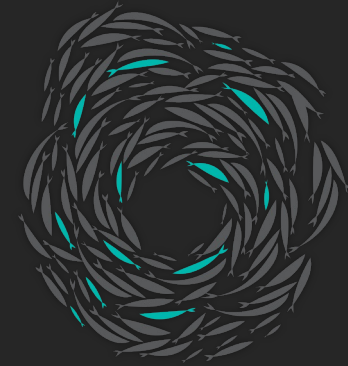


Jesus angered people
+
Jesus had emotions himself



Matthew 21:12-13 NIV

Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. "It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it 'a den of robbers.'"



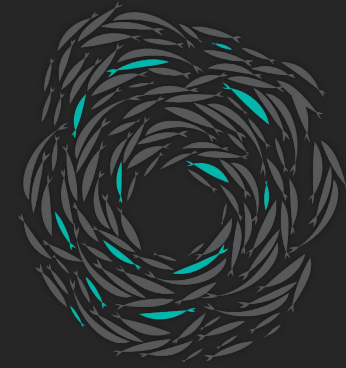
Jesus wasn't afraid to offend



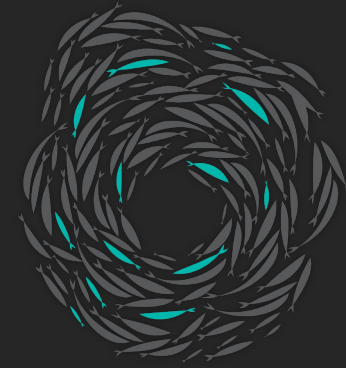
Mark 2:5-10 NIV

Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins."

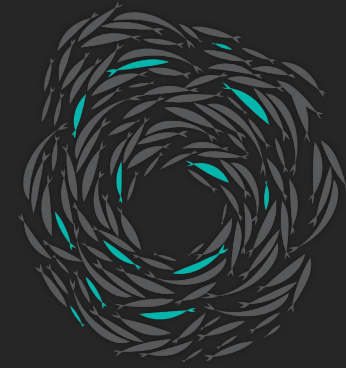


**Everything Jesus did/said
Was the will of God the Father**

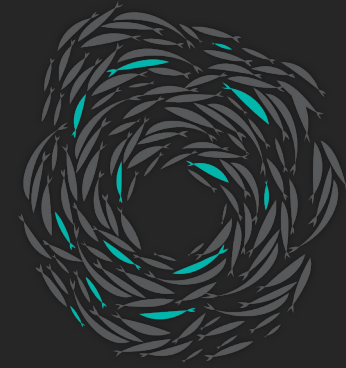


Matthew 23:13 NIV

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the door of the kingdom of heaven in people’s faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to.



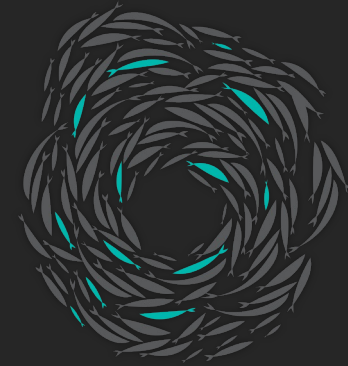
**Jesus perfectly lived out
"Seek first the Kingdom of God"**



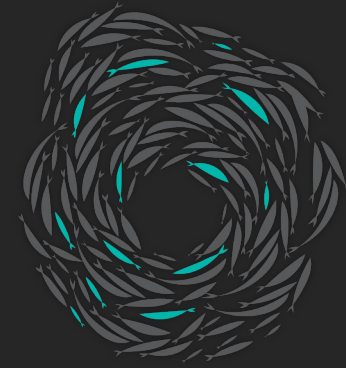
Luke 4:14-16 NIV

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom.



**Jesus' ministry was
established at this point**



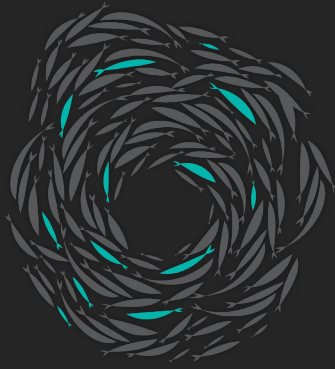
Luke 4:17-21 NIV

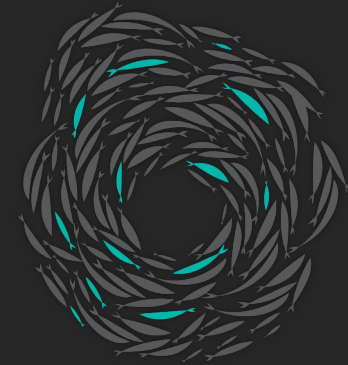
He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

**“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,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”**

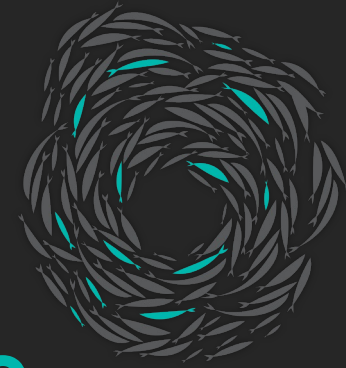
Luke 4:17-21 NIV

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. He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."





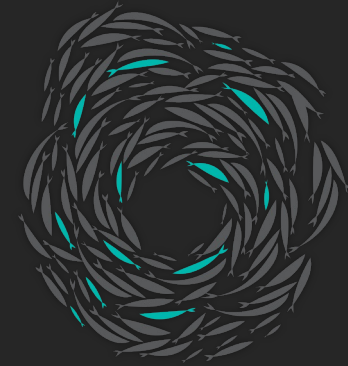
**Jesus is claiming
to be the Messiah**



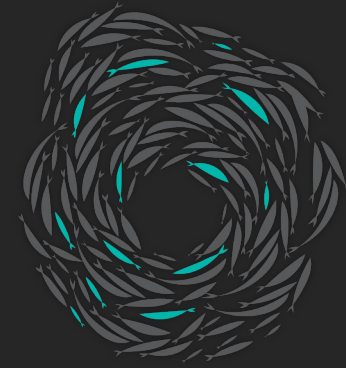
Luke 4:22-23 NIV

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself!' And you will tell me, 'Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'"



Faith is Key
Do we expect God
to do great things?

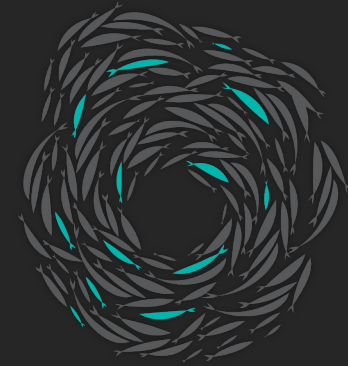


Matthew 17:18-20 NIV

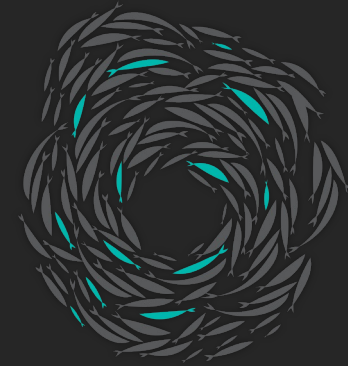
Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment.

Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, "Why couldn't we drive it out?"

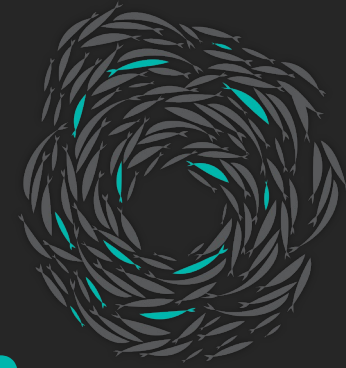
He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."



**Jesus obeyed God
Regardless of the outcome**

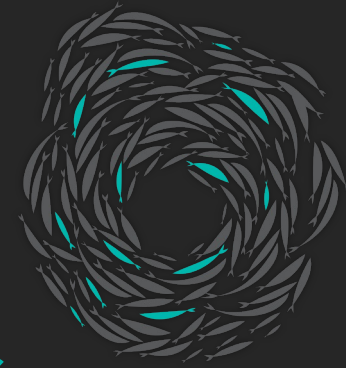


**We should obey God
Regardless of the outcome**



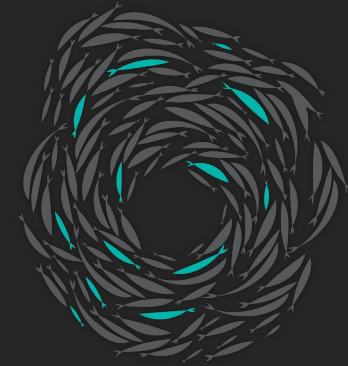
Matthew 28:18-20 NIV

Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."



Luke 4:28-30 NIV

All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.



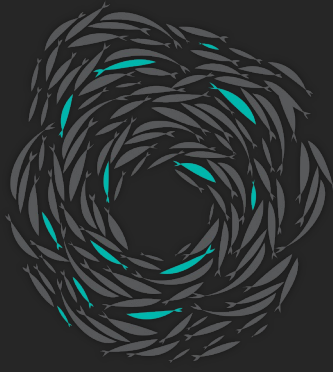
**Will we obey
In the face of persecution?**

Application



- 1. Jesus was not afraid to offend. This doesn't mean we seek to offend, but when God's will for us is uncomfortable, or when the truth we need to proclaim might offend, we should not fear, but be bold in proclaiming the truth.**
- 2. Jesus obeyed God even in the face of rejection / persecution. As Christians we are called to follow Jesus through anything.**

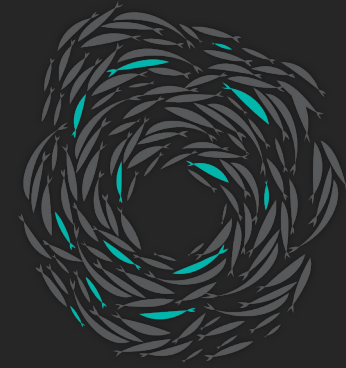
Application



3. Our calling is to proclaim that Jesus is Lord. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Light and there is no other way to the Father, but through Him.

4. Faith is key | Faith to lean in to challenges.

Will we be a church and a people that sees amazing things happen?



**Will we be Christians that
actually follow Jesus' example?**

**Leaning in to difficult
conversations and expressing
hard truths?**