"Jesus, the Anointed One"

Isaiah 61:1-3a; Luke 4:14-21

INTRODUCTION

The Jews longed to see their Messiah. What would He look like? What would He be like? What would He do? The One whom they prayed would come someday, is the One we proclaim has come today.

He Will Proclaim Good News (vs. 1a)

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

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Related Passages: Matthew 5:3; Ephesians 2:1-5

He Will Bind Up the Brokenhearted (vs. 1b, 2b-3)

He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted...

...to comfort all who mourn,

and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,
the oil of joy
instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.

He Will Set the Captives Free (vs. 1c)

...to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners...

He Will Proclaim the Grace and Wrath of God (vs. 2a)

² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God...

CONCLUSION

John 20:19-22

Questions for Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

- 1. What gets you most excited about seeing Jesus someday?
- 2. Why is the message of to repent and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ such good news to those who are poor in spirit?
- 3. How has Jesus set us free, not only from the penalty of sin, but from the power of sin?
- 4. How have you experienced Jesus as a Comforter?
- 5. How does it impact you to know that we are still living in the "year of the LORD's favor" but looming ahead of us is the "day of vengeance of our God"?