Jesus the Teacher

Scripture: Luke 4:16–29

Series: **The Jesus You Need to Know**

Sunday, April 6, 2014

Corroborating Texts: John 8:32; Acts 26:14–18; 2 Cor. 4:4; Rev. 3:15–22

Overview

If Jesus is such a recognized teacher, why are so few people willing to sit at his feet and learn from him? Jesus speaks with authority and boldness. Jesus is of divine origin. He equates himself with the work of God, the Word of God, and the promises of God. He speaks to the impoverished, captive, blinded, and oppressed about how he changes everything.

Discussion Questions

1. Who was your favorite teacher in school? Why? What made this teacher so great?

2. Jesus was well received as a teacher in Galilee, but when Jesus returned to his home in Nazareth, he was not well received. Why was this? What distinguishes these two places?

3. Did you ever have a teacher who taught hard things that you did not want to hear? What did they teach? Why did you not like it?

4. Jesus speaks with authority and boldness. Inevitably, people hated what they heard from him. What are some of the hard things that Jesus says in this passage? Why are they so hard to hear?

5. Jesus speaks to the impoverished. What kinds of poverty does he discuss? What kinds of poverty have you experienced? How has Jesus changed your situation? [discuss both materially and spiritually]

6. Jesus speaks about bringing liberty to captives. What does Jesus liberate us from? How does he do so?

7. Jesus speaks about giving sight to the blind. Paul is commissioned to the same ministry, and so are we. Who are the spiritually blind around you? Who can you invite to "The Jesus You Need to Know" series? How can we pray for you and your mission field?

8. Jesus speaks about coming to free the oppressed. We suffer oppression from sin leading to brokenness. How are you oppressed by sin?

9. Jesus speaks about coming to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. How is this contrasted with God's judgment?

10. When Christ speaks, do we listen? What do we say about him? How have you been doing so?