Jesus' Sermon in Nazareth

Scripture: Luke 4:14-30

Series: The Gospel of Luke

Sunday, June 25, 2017

Overview

Before you can enjoy your freedom, you must first understand your slavery.

Here, Jesus proclaims that He is the *Healer* and *Liberator* that is prophesied in Isaiah 61:1-2. The crowd is amazed, but some are also skeptical of Christ's claims. Jesus challenges them to trust in Him unlike their forefathers who rejected God during the time of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. The crowd moves to kill Him but He simply passes by them. In this passage, we see an example of how the Good News of Christ can bring us to experience either gall or glory.

Corroborating Texts

Isaiah 61:1-2, John 8:31-32, Titus 3:3-5

Discussion Questions

- 1. Luke emphasizes that Jesus' ministry was empowered by the Holy Spirit. Why is this important for us to remember?
- 2. If we must "understand our slavery to enjoy our freedom," what keeps us from understanding or makes it difficult for us to understand our slavery?
- 3. Why is it important to see that a large part of Jesus' ministry was preaching?
- 4. In what ways has Jesus brought good news to you in your poverty, freed you from captivity, and brought sight?
- 5. Can you identify an area in your life where you need to hear Jesus' good news, a sin you need to be freed from, or a blindness to God's truth?
- 6. One aspect of enjoying our freedom in Christ is that we share that freedom with others, is there someone specifically in your life that needs to hear of that freedom? If not how can we generally share our freedom with others?

