WHAT DID JESUS THINK HE WAS DOING?

1. I’ve come to reclaim this Creation
2. I’ve come to break the grip of the dark powers behind those idols in your lives and
3. I’ve come to deal with your sins


14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. 15 He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. 16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

18 “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,

19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

20 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. 21 He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

WHENEVER YOU CONFRONT EVIL, BE PREPARED FOR ATTACKS!

The Pharisees - the “righteous ones” accused him of being in league w/ Beelzebub when He cast out demons & healed the sick

Matthew 12:22–24 NIV

22 Then they brought him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see. 23 All the people were astonished and said, “Could this be the Son of David?”

24 But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, “It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons.”

The People - accused him of being possessed by a demon, in launching the Kingdom of God

John 8:42–43 New Living Translation (NLT)

42 Jesus told them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, because I have come to you from God. I am not here on my own, but he sent me. 43 Why can’t you understand what I am saying? It’s because you can’t even hear me!

John 8:48–54 NLT

48 The people retorted, “You Samaritan devil! Didn’t we say all along that you were possessed by a demon?” 49 “No,” Jesus said, “I have no demon in me. For I honor my Father—and you dishonor me. 50 And though I have no wish to glorify myself, God is going to glorify me. He is the true judge. 51 I tell
Matthew 8:48–54 NLT (cont'd)

3 Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place
called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here
while I go over there and pray." 37 He took Peter
and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and
he began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38 Then
he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with
sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep
watch with me." 39 Going a little farther, he fell
with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if
it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet
not as I will, but as you will." 40 Then he returned
to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't
you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he
asked Peter. 41 "Watch and pray so that you will
not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but
the flesh is weak." 42 He went away a second time
and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this
cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your
will be done."

1 Corinthians 15:55–58 NIV

55 "Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?"
56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is
the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
58 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand
firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves
fully to the work of the Lord, because you know
that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

WHAT DOES THIS SAY TO US TODAY?

Just know...

1. Regardless of what we may face, we are no
longer at evil’s mercy;

2. Death no longer has a strangle-hold... Jesus
walked through it and exited the other side!

3. The Battle was won at the Cross... And
Heaven is crashing into earth.

QUESTIONS

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1. What do you think about the idea that Jesus started a revolution?

2. How have things/idols negatively impacted your relationship with God and others?

3. What aspects of the grenade analogy resonate with you?

4. Read 1 Corinthians 15:55–58. How does this passage relate to this week’s message, our greater community, church, or your circumstances at home?

5. How does it impact you knowing you have a part to play in the revolution that Jesus began?

6. Who has God placed on your heart to connect with this week?