

THE YEAR OF THE LORD
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LUKE 4:14-22 (ESV)

V14 – Jesus was away from His hometown of Nazareth for months before returning to teach in the synagogue where He grew up.

- He was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit.
- He was tempted by Satan.
- He left a homeboy and came back a celebrity.

V15 – Jesus attended the synagogue every Sabbath day no matter where He was. I'm sure people in the synagogue then were no different than people in the church today.

- Out of obligation.
- Curiosity seekers.
- Disagreeable people, hard to get along with.

V16-17 – Jesus enters the synagogue at Nazareth. He's already famous because of the miracles He performed in Capernaum and other cities of Galilee. **V23-24**

- It was customary to stand and read the scriptures, and then deliver the message from a seated position.

V18a – The Spirits anointing.

- The Hebrew word "Mashiach" means anointed one or Messiah.
- The talk must have shifted from John the Baptist to Jesus.
- **V21** – Imagine the astonishment of those listening.
- The pouring of oil over an individual was to set him apart for a specific office: Prophet, Priest or King.

V18b – Jesus' commission.

- Preach good news to the poor. The poor literally and figuratively – the humble or "poor in spirit". The poor gladly received the Gospel message. It offered security – they had nothing to lose. The rich were threatened by it, as the rich young ruler who trusted in uncertain riches. God resists the proud, but gives the humble grace.
- Heal the broken hearted. People whose hearts have been crushed by life's storms. Rejection, abuse, loss of loved ones, disease, despair, sin, failure, etc. **PSALMS 34:18 (NIV), 147:3**
- Deliverance to the captives. Jesus came to set people free from whatever they are chained to and controls their lives. Top 10 addictions: Coffee, gambling, anger, food, the internet, sex, alcohol, drugs, nicotine, work. **ACTS 10:38** Emotional and physical freedom from satanic oppression.
- Recovery of sight to the blind. This includes both physical and spiritual blindness. **LUKE 7:20-22** The Physical; **JOHN 9:39** The spiritual.
- Liberate the bruised. This is a reference to social oppression caused by an unjust exercise of power. Examples include a society that says woman are the property of their fathers or husbands; a certain race of people being denied equal opportunities under the law; religious oppression; being under a dictatorship who denies people of their basic rights.

V19 – The year of jubilee.

- **ISAIAH 61:1-2** – All slaves were to be set free. Land that was sold goes back to its ancestral owner. Righteousness triumphs over oppression, and the unrighteous will suffer severe retribution from God.
- Now is the time of God's favor and day of salvation. We are to set the captives free. **JOHN 8:31-32**
- When Jesus comes again, the time of liberty will end, and the time of vengeance will begin.
- Jubilee is no longer a 50 year celebration. Jesus is our jubilee.
- **LUKE 4:28-30** – Jesus' message caused no small stir.

CONCLUSION: Today is the day of liberty for all, but judgment is coming soon. Our duty is to fulfill the great commission and let people know they can be free.