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14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. **15** He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

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“His ministry, like the church’s later ministry, was marked by the Spirit’s power... Luke emphasizes the Holy Spirit not only in his gospel, but also in Acts, where the Spirit is mentioned 57 times.”

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Luke 4:16-21

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. And he stood up to read. **17** 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 preach 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.

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“This anointing [in v. 18] refers to Luke 3:22 and the divine commissioning for Jesus’ ministry. This anointing was not just a prophetic anointing, but a messianic one as well, for Jesus is the bringer, not just the herald, of salvation. Although only Jesus was said by Luke to have been anointed by the Spirit, he serves here as a model for Spirit-filled teachers and healers in Acts.”

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Isaiah 61:1-2a

1 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, **2** to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God

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“In fulfillment of the OT promises, salvation was now being offered to all.

Even though the Lord purposely omitted the reference to the “day of God’s vengeance” from his quotation of Isa 61:2 [in v.19] to emphasize the present time and opportunity for salvation, there is nevertheless present here the implication that this period of God’s favor would not last forever.”

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

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“This [v.21] was an unambiguous claim that He was the Messiah who fulfilled the prophecy. They correctly understood His meaning but could not accept such lofty claims from One they knew so well as the carpenter’s son.”

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Luke 4:22

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

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Mark 6:3-6a

3 Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?"
And they took offense at him.

4 Jesus said to them, “Only in his hometown, among his relatives, and in his own house is a prophet without honor.” **5** He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. **6** And he was amazed at their lack of faith.

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Luke 4:23-27

23 Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’ ” **24** “I tell you the truth,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown.

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“This proverb [v.23] was a common one, appearing in both Jewish and Greek writers. Here it may mean, “Prove your worth as a physician.” Or, the emphasis may be on “yourself” with the idea, “Heal your own people rather than outsiders from Capernaum.” Both ideas may be present.”

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25 I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. **26** Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. **27** And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed — only Naaman the Syrian.”

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“For Jesus these examples demonstrated that Nazareth could not make exclusivist claims on him; and since Nazareth had in fact rejected him, he would go elsewhere. Nazareth may have rejected him, but others would receive him gladly, the Gentiles.”

“For Luke these examples showed that the Jewish people had no exclusivist claims on Jesus, and since they rejected him, the gospel of 4:18–21 has been offered to the Gentiles. And just as Elijah and Elisha were better received outside of Israel, so the gospel message would receive a better hearing among the Gentiles.”

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Luke 4:28-30

28 All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this.

29 They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff.

30 But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

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“What seems to have sparked the Nazarenes’ fury was Christ’s suggestion that divine grace might be withheld from them yet extended to the Gentiles.”

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“Luke does not explain whether the escape [in v.30] was miraculous or simply the result of Jesus’ commanding presence. In any case, His time (to die) had not come yet.”

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Applications

- **Understand that people will doubt your salvation and who you are now.**
- **Understand that you'll be hated because of the name of Jesus.**
- **We must study and apply Scripture in every aspect of our lives.**

Final Thoughts

“In His inaugural sermon in Nazareth, Jesus announces that the message of salvation is “good news” to the outcasts of society: the poor, the oppressed, and those on the margins. If we are going to reflect the heart of Jesus to a lost world, we must demonstrate this same love for those most marginalized in our society.”

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Isaiah 61:2a

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Revelation 21:7-8

7 He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son. **8** But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars — they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

Final Thoughts

Matthew 11:28-30

28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. **29** Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”