

**Jesus Preaches in Nazareth and Is Rejected**

Luke 4:16-30

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**The Gospel to Synagogues**

- **Luke 4:16**  
And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read.
- **Acts 17:1a, 2**  
. . . they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. And according to Paul's custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures,

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
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**Luke's Literary Structure**

- **Luke 4:16c, 17**  
. . . And stood up to read and the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book,
- **Luke 4:20**  
And He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed upon Him.

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
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### Messianic Prophecy

- **Luke 4:18, 19**

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,  
Because He anointed Me to preach the  
gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to  
proclaim release to the captives, And  
recovery of sight to the blind, To set free  
those who are downtrodden, To proclaim  
the favorable year of the Lord.”

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
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### The Era of Salvation Has Come

- **Luke 4:20 - 21**

And He closed the book, and gave it back to  
the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of  
all in the synagogue were fixed upon Him.  
And He began to say to them, “Today this  
Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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
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### They Heard “Words of Grace”

- **Luke 4:22**

And all were speaking well of Him, and  
wondering at the gracious words which were  
falling from His lips; and they were saying,  
“Is this not Joseph's son?”

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
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### Jesus Knows Their Hearts

■ **Luke 4:23-24**

And He said to them, "No doubt you will quote this proverb to Me, 'Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we heard was done at Capernaum, do here in your home town as well.'" And He said, "Truly I say to you, no prophet is welcome in his home town."

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
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### Elijah, Like Jesus, Was Sent to the Poor

■ **Luke 4:25, 26**

But I say to you in truth, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, when a great famine came over all the land; and yet Elijah was sent to none of them, but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.

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
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### God Sends His Prophets to Non-Jews, Poor, Widows, Lepers

■ **Luke 4:27**

"And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."

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
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 They Intend to Stone Jesus

■ **Luke 4:28-30**

And all in the synagogue were filled with rage as they heard these things; and they rose up and cast Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city had been built, in order to throw Him down the cliff. But passing through their midst, He went His way.

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
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 Applications

■ Today is the day of salvation; but the day of vengeance is coming soon.

■ The way to approach God is to know you have no status or claim on God.

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
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 The Day of Vengeance Is Future

■ **Isaiah 61:1-2**

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, Because the Lord has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives, And freedom to prisoners; To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord, And the day of vengeance of our God;

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
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 **The Times of the Gentiles**

- **Luke 21:24**  
and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.
- **Romans 11:25**  
For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own estimation, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles has come in;

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
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 **The Day of Messianic Salvation**

- **2Corinthians 6:2**  
for He says, "At the acceptable time I listened to you, And on the day of salvation I helped you"; behold, now is "the acceptable time," behold, now is "the day of salvation."

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
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 **The Day of Salvation is Limited**

- **2Peter 3:9-10**  
The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

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
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 A Canaanite Woman With no Status

■ **Matthew 15:22, 23**

And behold, a Canaanite woman came out from that region, and began to cry out, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed." But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came to Him and kept asking Him, saying, "Send her away, for she is shouting out after us."

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
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 A Canaanite Woman With no Status

■ **Matthew 15:24 - 26**

But He answered and said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and began to bow down before Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" And He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

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
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 Great Faith in Christ, No Faith in Her Own Status Before God

■ **Matthew 15:27, 28**

But she said, "Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, your faith is great; be it done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed at once.

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
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### The Danger of Self Delusion

■ **Revelation 3:17**

Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked, . . .

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
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### We Are Utterly Poor and Only Christ Has What We Need

■ **Revelation 3:18**

I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire, that you may become rich, and white garments, that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes, that you may see.

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
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