

Luke 4:14-30  
The Upside-Down Kin-dom  
Jesus Rejected At Nazareth

4:14 - in the power of the Spirit (see verse 1 also) - what does this imply? What other kind of power might the people anticipate?

4:15 - notice how the people praised Jesus. Why?

4:16 - about a year after the start of his ministry. Jesus' customary practice was to attend regular worship as an example to his disciples and his faithfulness. Jesus likely read from Isaiah and then that text was paraphrased HB Aramaic.

4:17 - the OT text were on scrolls and handed to the reader by an attendant. The passage Jesus read may be one he chose or it may have been the assigned passage for that day.

4:18 - the 5 goals of Jesus' ministry: (1) preaching the Good News (2) setting the prisoners free (3) performing acts of mercy and healing (4) working for fair, just and equitable social structures (5) proclaiming the year of God's favor (Year of Jubilee). Jubilee - the poor get Good News and they are the bottom 90% dominated by the elite in a two-tiered power system: debts are annulled, debtors are released from prison, blindness is overcome, brokenness is mended, ancestral property is returned to the original family. Jesus assumes the power of the Spirit in his ministry - this is God's doing.

4:20 - one stood while reading the scripture and sat while teaching.

4:21 - What does Jesus mean, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing"? How? In what ways? Notice v. 22 - the people's reaction? Why?

4:23 - what is Jesus getting at in this verse?

4:24-27 - What is Jesus saying Elijah and Elisha? Who do they minister to? The Jewish people? Why not the Jewish people instead? When Israel rejected God's message through the prophets, Jesus is sent to the Gentiles.

4:28 - Why did the people get so angry? How did these people relate to and think about the Gentiles? What did they do with anger? We don't get any reason for his escape from death. In any event, he had more to do yet in his ministry.

### Exploration and Life Application

1. Note the 5 goals of Jesus' ministry - how do you think Trinity is doing with these five goals? Which do you give priority to and which do you tend to neglect?
2. Who are the "Gentiles" today? What are the implications for you?
3. How do you resonate with these 5 forms of rejection can you connect with personally in your life:
4. POVERTY - To receive hope and dignity
5. IMPRISONMENT - to receive freedom from bondage of any kind
6. BLINDNESS - physically, spiritually, psychologically
7. OPPRESSION - political and economic disadvantage
8. DEBT - every 50 years debts were cancelled - do you need a Jubilee Year in your life?