

The Provocative Jesus

I. The Provocative Jesus (Luke 4:14-30)

A. Jesus Returned to Much Acclaim (v. 14-15)

1. Jesus returned to Galilee in the Spirit's Power (14)
2. Jesus' reputation spread far and wide (15)
3. Jesus' teaching was glorified by many (15)
 - Today Jesus is Lauded as a great man, teacher
 - Anyone who values love values Jesus
 - Yet many misunderstand His message

B. Jesus' Message is Convicting (v. 16-30)

1. The Gospel of Faith is Doubted (v. 16-24)

a. Jesus Proclaims the Gospel to the Nazarenes (16-21)

- i. He began to teach in His hometown (16)
- ii. He taught from the Isaiah Scroll (17)

b. Jesus Announces His Mission (18-19)

- i. To Preach good news to the Poor (18)
- ii. To free the captives and Heal the Blind (19)
- iii. To free the oppressed
- iv. To declare God's Grace

- sounds good right? Amen, Amen

c. Jesus Taught that this was fulfilled Today (20-21)

- i. He sat (teaching position)
- ii. It was fulfilled in their hearing
- iii. They were the poor, blind, and oppressed
- iv. They didn't realized their condition
- v. Blind to Lostness, oppressed by sin and law

d. Jesus' Message is Acknowledged but Doubted (22-24)

- i. At first they marveled at His Word (22)
 - they didn't realize he was talking about them
- ii. Then They required proof He was Messiah (23-24)
 - they were too familiar
 - Isn't this Joseph's Son
 - We grow up around "Jesus"
 - + They wanted a miracle as proof (23)
 - + They were too familiar with Him (24)

2. The Gospel is Rejected (v. 25-30)

a. The Message Offends them (25-29)

i. Jesus Condemns their Lack of Faith (25-28)

- The Example of Elijah and the Widow (25-26)
 - Many widows received nothing
 - She had faith before she saw
 - Believed Elijah and Lived
- The Example of Namaan the Syrian (27)
 - Many Israeli Lepers were not healed
 - Namaan (Gentile) believed and was

ii. They became angry with Jesus (28)

- We are oppressed?

- We are in need?

- We are no better than Namaan a Gentile?

iii. They tried to Kill Him (29-30)

- Drove him to a cliff

3. The People Were Rejected (30)

a. Jesus left them

- He did not beg or plead

- He did not try to convince

- He left.