

The Servant Has Come

Luke 4:14–30

Main Point: Through the power of God’s Holy Spirit the Messiah came to preach good news (hope of salvation from sin and judgment) to a sinful, helpless people.

I. Jesus Came in the Power of the Spirit

- A. Luke emphasizes the Spirit of God throughout his Gospel (e.g., 1:35, 41; 2:25–27; 3:22; 4:1)

- B. Jesus was glorified teaching in the synagogues

II. Jesus Came with a Powerful Message

- A. He taught from Scripture — *Scroll from Isaiah*
 - 1. Jesus was given a scroll from the book of Isaiah and read Isaiah 61:1–2 (see also Is. 49:8)

 - 2. The emphasis from this passage is the preaching of the Servant
 - a) Through the power of the Spirit

 - b) Proclaims a Good Message

 - c) To unfortunate, helpless people

B. He taught with authority — *Stood up to read, sat down to preach*

C. He taught with confidence — *Today this is fulfilled in your hearing*

III. Jesus Came to an Unrepentant People

A. The Jewish people's initial response — *wonder & astonishment*

1. They saw his ability to speak with authority and clarity
2. They were surprised that he could speak so well

B. Jesus proclaims that His gospel is for all people — *Gentiles included*

1. Proverb — *Physician, heal yourself*
2. Prophets are rejected in their own country, yet received by outsiders
3. Illustrations
 - a) Elijah and the widow of Sidon
 - b) Elisha and the leper in Syria

C. The Jewish people's final response — *wrath & rejection*