

Series Jesus: The Man Who Is God

Passage Luke 4:14-30

Title Jesus Proclaims His Mission **Speaker:** Pastor David Menard 3/4/2018

• **Discussion Starter**: How did our study of Jesus' proclaiming His mission allow you to gain some clarity on how you should view your own mission from God?

Handling Temptation Properly (Luke 4:1-13)

• Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, now returns from being tempted by Satan for 40 days where He is without food or water. As we transition to Jesus entering into His ministry, we see in His example of resisting temptation that He has returned empowered by the Spirit. We learned that temptation will either "Decay us- or- Establish us in Christ". Read James 1:12-15 and 1Corinthians 10:13. Discuss what we learn from these verses on how to handle temptation and its purpose in our lives.

Jesus Begins His Ministry (Luke 4:14-15)

• What are the significant things we read about Jesus and His ministry when He returns to Galilee?

Jesus Returns to Nazareth to Proclaim His Mission (Luke 4:16-30)

- We read in Luke 4:16 that it was Jesus' custom to attend the weekly Sabbath gatherings at the synagogue. What are some of the important reasons we meet weekly for church? Why do some people think meeting in person is not important anymore? Read Exodus 20:8 and Hebrews 10:24-25. What additional light do these verses shed on the importance of weekly church fellowship?
- Explain in your own words what Jesus is proclaiming as His mission in Luke 4:17-21? How does this compare to our mission as Christians today? Read Isaiah 42:1-9, 61:1-2. Compare and contrast these verses to Luke 4:18-21. What additional insights do these verses impart?
- We see that Jesus does not read the entire verse of Isaiah 61:2; He stops at the first comma. How does this describe what Jesus' mission was not and how does this apply to us in our mission as Christians today?
- Describe what you see happening to Jesus in his own home town in Luke 4:22. How have you experienced a similar response from your unsaved family and friends after sharing this good news with them? What can we learn from Jesus?
- What prophetic message is Jesus revealing to the Jews in Luke 4:23-27? In what way did the Jews neglect their ministry and how are we as Christians reminded not to fall into this same trap?
- What do you think prompted the anger of those in the synagogue and what does this show us about their character? Read John 15:18-20. Discuss what Jesus is saying to us as Christians.