

### The Anointing of Jesus... and Yours (Luke 4:14-30)

*(14) And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. (15) And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. (16) And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. (17) And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, (18) "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, (19) to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (20) And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. (21) And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." (22) And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" (23) And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." (24) And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. (25) But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, (26) and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. (27) And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." (28) When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. (29) And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. (30) But passing through their midst, he went away.*

1. If Jesus, the Son of God, lived, spoke, ministered, taught, healed, was led by, filled by, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, how much more so do we need the Spirit to live and do what God has called us to do? Are you desperate for God's Spirit? Are you dependent on the Holy Spirit for everything? Do you live a Spirit-filled, Spirit-led, Spirit-empowered life?
2. Jesus alone deserved fame, glory, honor, and worship. Do you point people to Him? When you get attention, do you reflect it back to Him?
3. Jesus was a teacher and preacher, this was His work. How important is it to you to get the teaching and message of Jesus to others? How are you teaching God's Word to others? Will you commit to teaching today in some form (verbal, written, one on one, groups, crowds, children, grandchildren, family, friends, ?????)?
4. Do you have the same commitment as Jesus had to gathering weekly with God's people for worship? This was His custom and it should be ours as well. In fact, it should be our consistent joy and delight. If it is not, something is wrong or misplaced.
5. Are you growing as a reader? As you become more like Christ you will attempt to grow as a reader if you can. Christians are a reading, listening, and learning people. We love God and want to know Him and His ways in every area of life. Become a student of God's Word and God's creation in all it's forms.
6. Jesus was The Anointed One (Messiah/Christ). In the past Old Testament prophets, priests, and kings were anointed by God to fulfill their calling. The oil that was poured on their heads symbolized the power of the Holy Spirit. We can only fulfill our calling before God by the power of the Holy Spirit. This is how we evangelize, teach, preach, lead, counsel, minister, etc. Start teaching, preaching, evangelizing, counseling, and leading today as the Spirit leads and empowers you. You have been anointed. Fulfill your calling.
7. Jesus is the fulfillment of prophecy (Is. 61:1-2). He is the Great Prophet, Priest, and King. Listen to Him, look to Him, follow Him.
8. Jesus preaches the good news about Himself because He is the good news (good news= gospel).
9. Jesus came to preach the good news to the poor, both the physically poor and spiritually poor. This is our mission also. Are you committed to the mission of Christ? Commit to His mission today and find your purpose in life. Your mission is not to just eat, drink, sleep, work, recreate, etc. You have been saved to live out the mission of Christ. How are you reaching out to the poor (physically and spiritually)?
10. People need grace. People need love. People need hope. People need the riches of Jesus Christ. People need liberty from captivity to sin, satan, the fear of death, demons, etc. People need to see who Jesus is and how beautiful and glorious He is. People need to be healed physically forever, they need both physical and spiritual healing. People need to be liberated and freed from oppression to people, satan, sin, fear of death, etc. Only Jesus can do this for people.
11. The year of God's favor came with Jesus. Jesus is our Jubilee. In Jesus we are liberated, freed, found, empowered, and filled with hope and joy. In Jesus we find purpose and eternal blessing. In Jesus we come to know God as Father.
12. All eyes should be on Jesus. Are yours on Him today? Are you pointing others to Him?
13. Are you hearing God's Word preached regularly? Do you love the preaching of God's Word?
14. Jesus was popular initially. People were wowed by His teaching. Jesus teaching was full of grace and truth. The church rises and falls on teaching and preaching. Teaching and preaching is central to who we are. Are you a true student of the teaching of Jesus?
15. Jesus was a carpenter who entered into full time vocational ministry. He went from working with wood to working with women and men. Jesus alone can hammer out all our dents, nail down all our inconsistencies, shave off all our foolishness, unscrew all our screwed up lives, straiten out all our crookedness, and realign all our extremes and shortcomings. We are in the hands of the perfect divine carpenter (Christ the Carpenter of souls).
16. Jesus is The Great Physician who heals us inside and out. He is our soul surgeon, faithful family practitioner, powerful pediatrician, compassionate caregiver, personal practitioner. Have you looked to Jesus for temporal and eternal healing? Do you point others to Him as well?
17. We don't tell Jesus what to do, He tells us what to do. We can't control God, but instead are to yield to His control of us. We don't deserve anything from God ever. All we get is a result of grace. When we realize this we will be humble, soft hearted, and dependent on God for everything. When we think we deserve things we will be proud, hard-hearted, and self-reliant.
18. Jesus came for the people of the world, not just for one ethnic group. There is a great danger in ethnic and religious pride. It can blind us to the truth, it can blind us to Jesus. The Holy Spirit has been and is at work among the nations. Spirit-filled, Spirit-led, and Spirit-empowered people will love the nations in Jesus' name. What broken and hurting people does God want you to minister to this week, speak to this week, love in Jesus' name this week?

19. God is sovereign over everything in your life. God is sovereign over the devil, disease, and people. None of them can take your life until God's time. You have a purpose. Trust in God, fulfill your purpose, and then He will bring you home. Even if God chooses to use supernatural means to free you from evil people He will do it. Nothing can stop our great God. You see that in Jesus' life here. Eventually He was rejected by people, but fully accepted by God. No matter who rejects you, know that in Christ, God accepts you. Walk in the anointing He has given you through the Holy Spirit and for the glory of Christ.

*(23) Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. (24) And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, (25) not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Heb 10:23-25)*

*(1) The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; (2) to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; (Isa 61:1-2)*

*(10) And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, when each of you shall return to his property and each of you shall return to his clan. (Lev 25:10)*

*(8) Then the word of the LORD came to him (Elijah), (9) "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." (10) So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." (11) And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." (12) And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." (13) And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. (14) For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" (15) And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. (16) The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah. (1Kings 17:8-16)*

*(1) Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. (2) Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. (3) She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." (4) So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." (5) And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. (6) And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." (7) And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me." (8) But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." (9) So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. (10) And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." (11) But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. (12) Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. (13) But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" (14) So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. (2Kings 5:1-14)*

*(21) ...it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, (22) and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. (2Cor 1:21-22)*

*(20) But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. ... (27) But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie-- just as it has taught you, abide in him. (1Jn 2:20, 27)*

*(18) And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. (19) Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (20) teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matt. 28:18-20)*