APPEARING, THE GOSPEL OF LUKE PART 2

The Polarizing Potential of Jesus (Luke 4:22, 28-30)

"He began by saying to them, Today this scripture is	s fulfilled in your hearing.‴ (Luke 4
Jesus	(Luke 4.10-17)
Jesus	(Luke 4:18-19)
Jesus	(Luke 4:20-21)
Three Implications of Jesus and Jubilee	
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- 1. When was a time in your life when you really felt free? What happened
- 2. This week we continue our "Appearing" series by looking at Luke 4:14-30, where Jesus charts the course of His ministry as the dawning of a new age. Begin your study by asking God to speak to you from His Word, and then read that passage aloud.
- 3. Jesus truly begins His public ministry with this episode. What do you notice about Jesus' activity after the time of testing in the wilderness, according to 4:14-15?
- 4. Jesus' visit to his hometown synagogue in Nazareth brings a decisive moment of self-identification and sparks mixtures of anticipation and tension with others. Evidently, Jesus regularly attended the worship gathering of the synagogue (see 4:16), which included readings of Scripture. Jesus reads from Isaiah 61:1-2 and 58:6. What stands out to you about these words from Isaiah the prophet?
- 5. It was normal for someone to teach from the Scripture from the seated position. It is likely that Jesus spoke longer than what Luke recorded but that the key statement was what we read in 4:21. Why do you think Jesus' statement here so important?
- 6. Jesus continues by comparing His ministry to that of the prophets Elijah and Elisha, specifically their work with non-Jews (1 Kings 17-18; 2 Kings 5:1-14). Why was this significant?
- 7. The people initially respond with awe (4:22), then suddenly shift to resentment of Jesus (4:28-29). Why would this happen? How might you have responded to Jesus if you were there?
- 8. How do you need to experience the new age of Jesus' life and ministry today? What is one specific thing that God is speaking to you through this study? If you are with a small group, discuss that with one another and pray for one another. If you are studying on your own, write it down and share it with someone.

To encourage us together in our growth with God, we are arranging a weekday reading plan through this entire series with the Gospel of Luke. As you read each day, ask God to speak to you from His word.

Follow along with the reading plan below, through the Eastbrook app, or on social media.

Dec. 12 Luke 4:14-15; Matthew 4:17; Mark 1:14-15

Dec. 13 Luke 4:16-21

Dec. 14 Isaiah 42:1-4; 58:6; 61:1-3

Dec. 15 Matthew 11:2-6 Dec. 16 Luke 4:22-30