

Luke 4:14-44**1-29-06*****“Divine Deliverance!”*****1. Intro:**

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2. MESSAGE OF JESUS! (14-30)2.1. **GALILEAN MINISTRY STARTS!** (14,15)

2.2. Between vs.13 & 14 of this chapter comes John 2-5.

2.2.1. Cana(wine) - Capernaum(couple days) - Jer(cleanse Temp; Talk w/Nic) – Judea - Samaria(2 dys) – to Galilee.

2.2.2. Actually spent 14 months in Judea, but 8 in obscurity, perhaps cuz 1st the people needed the ministry of John the Bap to prepare them2.3. **JESUS' 1ST SERMON!** (16-30)2.4. **As was his custom** – the value of regular church attendance!2.4.1. He would have seen many **familiar faces**, His **mother** doubtless in the women's gallery.2.5. **Sermon Read!** (16-20)2.6. (18,19) He reads from Isaiah about ***“Divine Deliverance!”***2.7. **In this he describes Jesus own description of His mission & ministry!**2.8. This is one of the oldest descriptions of what took place in a **synagogue service**. [Stood to read – sat to teach(16,20)]

2.8.1. Usually 2 lessons from Law & from prophets:

2.8.2. Acts 13:15 **“And after the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, “Men and brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.”**2.8.3. Manners & Customs of the Bible – **“Every Sabbath, 7 persons read: a priest, a Levite, & 5 ordinary Israelites.”**

2.9. This is the story of our Savior's life, death and resurrection.

2.9.1. He came looking for **us** in the **sick**, the **maimed**, the **lame**, the **bruised**, the **broken hearted**, the **wretched wanderer**, the **poor** and **forgotten**, the **prisoner**, and the **lonely rich**.2.9.2. **Q: Has he found you?**2.9.3. This is what he **came to do...** & is **still doing** in lives today!2.10. He came to **proclaim liberty** to **captives**, to **set at liberty** the **downtrodden**.2.10.1. Lady Liberty says it well on her base, ***“Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore; Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me: I lift my lamp beside the golden door.”***

- 2.11. We are living in the “**year of acceptance**”, the day of grace!
 2.11.1. **Q: Have you entered your Jubilee?**
 2.11.1.1. It’s all about freedom/liberty!
 2.11.1.2. **Freedom from a greater slavery!!!**
- 2.12. **Q: Anyone poor, in spirit?** (opposite of proud in spirit!)
- 2.13. **Q: Anyone brokenhearted** over their sin?
- 2.14. **Q: Anyone need liberty** from phobias, insecurities, worry, anxiety, jealousy, envy, temper, wrong desire, passion.
- 2.15. **Q: Anyone need released** from a prison of despair, depression, or despondency?
- 2.16. **Q: Anyone need released** from a prison of conscience?
- 2.17. I guess that’s what I like most about this is “**the WHO**” He came for.
 2.17.1. **Not** the perfect, the strongest, the physically healthy, or the spiritually healthy.
 2.17.2. **Yet that’s what we often feel who He’s “really” looking for!**
 2.17.3. Come on, He’s looking for the “A” team! **Not me!**
- 2.18. (20) **The attendant** – **had charge** of the furniture in the synagogue. He **kept the building** in good order. **Summoned the people** at the appointed hour.
 2.18.1. He also **called the names** the ruler of the synagogue selected to read the lesson of the day, **hand them** the scroll, & **retrieve** it when the reading was finished.
- 2.19. The **scribes** normally split hairs about trivial matters. Or would just quote another rabbi said about another rabbi.
 2.19.1. What **freshness** this must have brought this synagogue that day.
- 2.20. **Sermon Expounded!** (21)
- 2.21. I’m the Messiah Isaiah wrote about.
- 2.22. **Sermon Illustrations!** (24-27)
- 2.23. (22a) Hometown Buffet!
 2.23.1. Wow, known for His **gracious words!** - **Are you?**
- 2.24. (22b) **Isn’t this Joseph’s son?** – An average life.
 2.24.1. I agree with *Abraham Lincoln* remark about **God preferring common people** or **He would not have made so many of them!**
- 2.25. (23,24) Jesus, sensing their skepticism, used 2 Proverbs to illustrate their feelings.

- 2.26. [1] **Physician heal yourself!** – A proverb found both in Gk & Jewish lit.
 2.26.1. Gk – *“A physician for others, but himself teeming with sores.”*
 [Euripides, Fragments 1086]¹
 2.26.1.1. Gk – *“Physician, heal thine own limp.”*²
 2.26.2. Heb - *“Physician, heal your own lameness.”* [Genesis Rabbah 23.5]³
- 2.27. [2] **No prophet is accepted in his own country** – reflect a Jewish tradition that Israel routinely rejected & persecuted the prophets.
- 2.28. **Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum do also here in Your country!**
 2.28.1. But, He hadn't come to satisfy mere curiosity of fellow-townsmen.
 2.28.2. 2 OT examples to illustrate why he **cannot** perform the **miracles** in Nazareth that He has elsewhere...*i.e.* **their unbelief!**
- 2.29. (25-27) His ministry was as broad as human need!
 2.29.1. He **couldn't** be confined to his hometown, or even His own nation.
 2.29.2. So, the illustration of these **2 Gentiles** being healed, when Israel of old wouldn't listen.
 2.29.3. But, they wanted a **comforting** sermon not a **convicting** one!
- 2.30. **Sermon Detested!** (28-30)
- 2.31. (28) **Filled with wrath** – *Grace to the Gentiles?* Get out of Dodge!
- 2.32. This goes to show *“Blossoms aren't always a sign of fruit!”*
 2.32.1. **The Peoples reactions were initially Positive:**
 2.32.1.1. [1] Rapt attention{*all eyes fixed no Him*}(20a) [2] **Marveled**(22a)
 [3] Thought His words were **gracious**(22b) [4] Great surprise
 {*Joseph's son?*}(22c)
 2.32.2. **Then Negative:**
 2.32.2.1. [1] Angry opposition{*filled w/wrath*}(28) [2] **Thrust Him out**(29)
 2.32.3. *“Blossoms aren't always a sign of fruit!”*
 2.32.4. **Grace to all, yet it must be received & appropriated!**
- 2.33. (29) **Out of the city** – Executions were to take place outside the city **Lev. 24:14**.
- 2.34. In this reaction we see a cameo portrait of Jesus' whole ministry.
 2.34.1. This will be repeated over & over...all the way to the cross!
- 2.35. We must be careful our reaction isn't the same as theirs!
 2.35.1. We must **reject ourselves...or Him!**

¹ New International Biblical Commentary; pg.75

² Shepherd's Notes; pg.18

³ New International Biblical Commentary; pg.75

- 2.36. When Kelly & I used to do prison ministry, I was always amazed to hear how many men/women we have locked up in our correctional institutions that **didn't deserve** being in there!!! [I was framed, bad trial]
- 2.36.1. See the people of Nazareth didn't consider themselves those mentioned in vs.18. [Do you? Or is that speaking of "them"?)
- 2.37. He says come &...
- 2.37.1. Trade in your **works** for His **Grace**?
- 2.37.2. Swap your **Churchianity** for **Christianity**?
- 2.37.3. Exchange your, "I deserve better than this" for, "I'll take His mercy"?
- 2.37.4. Surrender your **religion** for just **Jesus**?
- 2.37.5. Relinquish your **Gloom** for **radiant Joy**?
- 2.37.6. Give up your **spirit of heaviness** & **accept** His **garment of praise**?
- 2.38. Jesus will only return 1 more time, only to find the same attitude!⁴

3. **MIRACLES OF JESUS! (31-37)**

- 3.1. **CAPERNAUM SYNAGOGUE!** (31-37)
- 3.2. He came down from Nazareth to **Capernaum** for 18 months.
- 3.2.1. This was called in Mt.9:1 "**His own city**".
- 3.2.2. This continues Christ's 1st circuit of Galilee (ends at 5:16)
- 3.3. I just have 1 question... **Where were the ushers?** 😊
- 3.3.1. A demon in the synagogue – not the 1st nor last time he has possessed a pew-holder!
- 3.4. (33) **I have 2 questions...** How long had this man been attending? And, **why has he gone unnoticed?**
- 3.4.1. Imagine a man in your home study group blurting out all of this while you're teaching!
- 3.4.2. **Bring Jesus into a dead service & things change!**
- 3.5. 1st miracle recorded by Luke.
- 3.5.1. In this section(to 5:16) there are **more numerous & more varied** cases of healing than any other time.
- 3.6. **Unclean demon** – Luke writing to Greeks, who believed there were both good & evil demons.
- 3.7. (34) **What have we to do w/you?** – What have we in common [How true!]
- 3.7.1. (NASB) "**What business do we have with each other**"
- 3.7.2. The knowledge & testimony of a Demon.
- 3.7.2.1. He knew all about Jesus of Nazareth (holy, divine, tested)
- 3.7.2.2. **He knew much & talked well.** (Griffith Thomas)

⁴ Mt.13:54-58; Mrk 6:1-6.

- 3.7.3. This proves again that more than **head belief** is needed – it is only **heart love acceptance**. [**Demons believe & at least they tremble!**]
- 3.8. (35) *“Had he not overcome the devil **privately**, Jesus would not have defeated him **publicly**.”* (Wiersbe)
- 3.9. (36) His Power & Authority!
- 3.10. (37) His Fame!
- 3.11. **INSIDE PETER’S HOUSE!** (38,39)
- 3.12. **After church what do you do?** Have Sunday Lunch, what else!
- 3.12.1. And so they march right outside of the synagogue & right into Peter’s house (**explain in Israel a rocks throw away**)
- 3.13. Here was a home **loved by** Jesus, **near to** Jesus, **& yet sickness** came!
- 3.13.1. **Note:** No sternness or abhorrence because she was sick!
- 3.13.2. *If **sin** had brought on this illness, shouldn’t there be a rebuke for it?*
- 3.14. Service in home as well as in church!
- 3.15. **OUTSIDE PETER’S HOUSE!** (40,41)
- 3.16. **Morning** in the synagogue; **midday** at Peters; crowds at **sunset & into the night**.
- 3.16.1. Now that **Sabbath was over** the people would bring them.
- 3.17. (Mrk.1:33) *“**And the whole city was gathered together at the door.**”*
- 3.17.1. **How did they get there?(vs.32) “They brought them to Him...”**
- 3.17.1.1. Some couldn’t have made it to Jesus unless someone brought them!
- 3.17.2. We need to go to our cities & **bring Jesus** to them, or **bring them** to Jesus!
- 3.17.3. **We need to go to the sin-sick & bring them to Him!**
- 3.18. **A heart that feels is never callous!** (Griffith Thomas)
- 3.18.1. Jesus the compassionate!
- 3.18.2. I wonder how **happy** this made Jesus feel being able to heal all these people?
- 3.18.3. **Q:** What’s Jesus’ **facial expression** here?
- 3.18.4. **Q:** Do you picture him **serious** or **smiling** as He’s doing this?
- 3.19. **I MUST PREACH!** (42,43)
- 3.20. (42) After work, rest in proportion.
- 3.21. **Read** Mrk 1:35-39

- 3.22. **PREACHING IN OTHER SYNAGOGUES!** (44)
- 3.23. Really Judea, but not limited to the south.
- 3.23.1. Luke's point was that wherever Jesus went he constantly taught that **He was the Messiah**, who had come to proclaim **the favorable year of the Lord!**⁵
- 3.24. We see here **Jesus' priorities**, & they should be equally important to us to: **[1] Meet physical needs of people [2] Pray [3] Preach!**
- 3.24.1. **Or**, touch lives; be in devotion w/God; tell friends of your Jesus!
- 3.24.2. Our message is **not** that **we have it all together**. Our message is that **we know the One** who does!
- 3.24.3. **Ask yourself:** Does my life reflect only **religious activity** or does it bear the mark of **profound love?**
- 3.24.3.1. Don't fall into the trap of the Pharisees who "*caught the disease of the devoted!*" (Pippert)

⁵ Walvoord & Zuck