



I came to preach the good news of the kingdom of God. (Luke 4:43)

Bible Study:



First, read Isaiah 59-61. Chapter 61 is the scripture Jesus quotes in today's lesson which is the GOOD NEWS that that is the "yet" to the BAD NEWS of the day (Chapter 59 note how God dons the Armor!) Read Luke 4:14-44 (Also Mark, 1:21-38; Matt. 8:14-17). Consider how he proclaims himself to be the one prophesied who would free the captives, bring relief to the oppressed and make the blind to see, then proves it by healing many in Capernaum!

The gospel in the story:



Jesus came to establish the Kingdom of God here on earth. That's what Isaiah meant when he said "the year of the Lord's favor." And the Kingdom is spiritual; that's why even the evil spirits were able to recognize Jesus for who he was, even when Jesus' own friends and neighbors couldn't. So when Isaiah wrote about the oppressed being released, he was talking about the spiritually oppressed. And when he prophesied about the Messiah giving sight to the blind, he was talking about having spiritual eyes that could see Jesus for who He really is. And when Isaiah wrote about prisoners receiving freedom, he was referring to the spiritual freedom those who put their trust in Jesus will experience when freed from the bondage of sin. And this IS good news for all who confess their sin and put their hope and faith in Jesus.

Application

Head: **What did we learn?**

Q: What promises were contained in Isaiah's prophesy?

A: Good news for the **poor**, freedom for the **prisoners**, sight for the **blind**, release of the **oppressed**.

Q: What did Jesus tell the people of His home town (Nazareth) regarding Isaiah's prophesy?

A: That "today this scripture is fulfilled" Meaning that He is the anointed one (Messiah = Christ) that Isaiah promised.

Q: Do the "ailments" Isaiah prophesied refer primarily to earthly or spiritual brokenness?

A: Spiritual.

Q: How is it that the evil spirits could recognize Jesus for who He really is, yet his own friends and family couldn't?

A: Jesus' position and authority is crystal clear to all those who have spiritual eyes.

Heart : **Memory verse**

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Hands: **How does this affect the way I live??**

We need to know and confess that **everyone is born blind and oppressed**.

Discuss how, without salvation through the work of Jesus' blood shed on the cross, no one can receive spiritual healing that leads to everlasting life in God's Kingdom.