

BIBLE READING – LUKE 4. 14-30

MINISTRY IN NAZARETH – TEACHING

Introduction

The ministry in Nazareth sandwiched between two visits to Capernaum vv 14-15 (see v 23) and v 31.

Formal presentation to the nation as their Messiah (cf "Anointed" in v 18 (see Ac 4. 26)) moving "in the power of the Spirit" v 14

Rejection by the nation would mean blessing going to the Gentiles (see vv 25-27)

Outline – really a typical ministry meeting

- Prelude – the necessary background for spiritual success – "...the power of the Spirit" vv 14-15. Cf "...full of the Spirit" v 1; "...led by the Spirit" v 1
- The reading of the Scriptures vv 16-19
- The exposition of the text vv 20-21
 - ✓ The response of the audience v 22 – "wonder"
- The application of the message vv 23-27
 - ✓ The response of the audience vv 28-29 – "wrath"
- Sequel – "He...went His way" v 30

The reading of the Scriptures vv 16-19

- The setting of the sermon v 16 – where, when, what
- The Scripture passage v 17 – Is 61. 1-2a
- The significant claim v 18a – "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me...anointed Me" cf 3.22; Ac 4. 27; 10. 38; Heb1. 9 – really a claim to Messiahship among His own people
- The subject to be addressed vv 18b-19 – "to evangelise the *poor*; to heal the *brokenhearted*; to herald deliverance to *captives*; to recover the *blind*; to set at liberty the *bruised*; to herald the acceptable year of the Lord."

The exposition of the text vv20-21

- The power of the Word v 20
- The precision of the Word v 21 "...this day... this Scripture fulfilled"
- The graciousness of the Word v 22

The response of the audience v 22 – "...wondered"

The application of the message vv 23-27

- The (anticipated!) request of the hearers v 23 – prove your claim to Messiahship!
- The requirement in the hearers v 24 – must appreciate need (poor, brokenhearted etc) to enact miracle of transformation and proof
- The refusal of the hearers vv 25-27
 - ✓ Illustrated in days of Elijah vv 25-26 – refusal meant blessing went to Gentile widow
 - ✓ Illustrated in days of Elisha v 27 – refusal meant blessing went to Gentile leper

The response of the audience vv 28-29 – “...wrath”

- Wrath and murderous intent combined – not long in changing! – preachers beware!

Sequel v30

- The authority of the Saviour – “...passing through...went His way”

BIBLE READING – Luke 4. 31 – 44

MINISTRY IN CAPERNAUM - HEALING

Scripture Passage	THE LOCATION OF THE MINISTRY	THE RECIPIENTS OF THE BLESSING	THE VARIETY OF THE NEED	THE BASIS OF THE MEETING	THE DIVERSITY OF APPROACH	THE NATURE OF THE CHANGE	THE RESULTS OF CONVERSION
Luke 4. 33-37	In the synagogue v33	A man crying out v33	Demon possession – unclean v33-34 Cst “Holy One”	An individual work – Divine Sovereignty v35	Jesus rebukes him v35 – power of word	Came out v35	<i>Wonder</i> – amazement of onlooker and fame for saviour v36
Luke 4. 38-39	In Simon’s house v38	A woman – mother-in-law v38	A great fever v38 – not in full control	Besought Him for her – v38 picture of prayer	Jesus stood... rebukes the fever v39	Fever left her v39	<i>Work</i> – ministry of saved – immediate v39
Luke 4. 40-41	Under setting sun – last opportunity v40	Any sick v40	Divers diseases– can meet every need	Brought them to Him – v40 interest in others	Laid His hands on every one of them v40	Healed them v40	<i>Worship</i> – v41-42 Demons rebuked – fame spreads
Main Lesson	No restriction on location – assembly, home, open air	Salvation and spiritual healing is available to all	No case too difficult for the Saviour	God can save without us (cf Jo 21) – but deigns to use us	Lord has control in every sphere (cf Rom 8.38-39)	Exactly suits every need (cf Jo 7. 37)	If there is no conversion there is no conversion!! (Cf 2Cor 5.17)

Introduction – *Teaching* with power in Capernaum resulting in astonishment vv31-32

Conclusion – Sought in the desert place and *preaching* in Galilee vv42-44

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