

Theme: Jesus the Messiah was anointed with God's Spirit to proclaim the Good News to outcasts.

I. Intro – Focal Point and Verse

- A. Talking about Spirit filled and led this year
- B. Will periodically look at God's heart for outcast
- C. Today teach on one of our memory verses

II. Jesus In the Synagogue

- A. Jesus usually went to synagogue (v16)
- B. Jesus had been teaching in synagogue (v15)
- C. A typical synagogue service
 - 1. Reading from Torah (assigned) - translated
 - 2. Reading from prophets – assigned?
 - 3. Reader from prophets sits & teaches on passage
- D. Jesus reads from prophet (vv16-17)
- E. Jesus reads from Isaiah (vv18-19)
- F. Jesus teaches from prophet (vv20-21)
- G. Jesus' message: Messianic Age has dawned

III. Jesus the Messiah: Anointed With the Spirit

- A. Word "Messiah" means "anointed" – with Spirit

- B. Jesus anointed w/ Spirit at baptism (Luke 3:22)
- C. Jesus filled, led by Spirit; sustained (Luke 4:1-2)
- D. Jesus returns in power of Spirit (Luke 4:14)
- E. The text: Spirit is on Me, anoints Me (Luke 4:18)

IV. Jesus the Messiah: Anointed to Reach the Outcast

- A. Anointed for the outcast (poor, captives, blind, oppressed)
 - 1. Poor, (brokenhearted) captives, blind – Is 61
 - 2. Oppressed – Is 58:6
 - 3. Fasting to free outcast – Isa 58:1-7 – Jesus!
- B. Year of Lord's Favor – Jubilee - that year! (v19; Lev 25:10)
- C. Forgiveness - ἄφεσις (v19 - freedom, release)

V. Applying the Word

- A. Do we see God's heart for the outcast?
 - 1. Christ came for poor, blind, captives, etc
 - 2. Means more (spiritual) but not less!
 - 3. God cares for the outcast today as then
- B. Do you believe Christ came for you?
 - 1. We are all spiritually poor, blind, captive

2. He has come to set us free
3. He has come to forgive those who cry out

C. Do we have a heart for the outcast?

1. Do we care for them physically? Spiritually?
2. This is Spirit filled, anointed and led
3. Do we offer them spiritual and physical help?

Messiah of the Outcast

Luke 4:14-21

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You Have Called Us Out of Darkness //

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

6 Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?

Isaiah 58:6

1 "Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet. Declare to my people their rebellion and to the house of Jacob their sins. 2 For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them. 3 'Why have we fasted,' they say, 'and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?' "Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. 4 Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high.

5 Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for a man to humble himself? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying on sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? 6 "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter-- when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

Isaiah 58:1-7

10 Consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants.

Leviticus 25:10