



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 4:16-30 (NAS)

Topic: "The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth"

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- 16 And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read.
- 17 And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written,
- 18 "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED,
- 19 TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."
- 20 And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him.
- 21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."
- 22 And all were speaking well of Him, and wondering at the gracious words which were falling from His lips; and they were saying, "Is this not Joseph's son?"
- 23 And He said to them, "No doubt you will quote this proverb to Me, 'Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we heard was done at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.'"
- 24 And He said, "Truly I say to you, no prophet is welcome in his hometown.
- 25 "But I say to you in truth, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, when a great famine came over all the land;
- 26 and yet Elijah was sent to none of them, but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.
- 27 "And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."
- 28 And all the people in the synagogue were filled with rage as they heard these things;
- 29 and they got up and drove Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city had been built, in order to throw Him down the cliff.
- 30 But passing through their midst, He went His way.

I. JESUS WAS THE PREACHER

- A. He Read From The Scripture
- B. He Exposed The Scripture
- C. He Declared Its Present Fulfillment
- D. He Is Declaring Himself the Messiah

II. THE RESPONSE TO HIS PREACHING

- A. "Is This Not Joseph's Son"
- B. What Was On Their Minds vs. 23
- C. They Were Saying Give Us Proof
- D. They Wanted Material Responses To Their Problems
- E. The Final Response – Come Back To That

III. THE OLD TESTAMENT GENTILE EXAMPLES

- A. The Belief Of The Widow Of Zarephath
- B. The Belief Of Naaman The Syrian

IV. WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE TO THE MESSIAH?

- A. Have You Responded In Faith?
- B. What Are The Ways You Are Rejecting Him Today?