**Wednesday Night Bible Study**

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**The Gospel of Luke**

**Luke** **4:14-29**

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**Homework**

Read Luke 4:14-29

1. **What happened when Jesus returned to Galilee?**
2. **What happened when He returned to His hometown, Nazareth?**
3. **What was the point of their unbelief?**
4. **After Jesus read the Scripture, what did they try to do to Him?**

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**Q1) What happened when Jesus returned to Galilee?**

**Luke 4:14-15 (NIV)**

 14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, **and news about him spread through the whole countryside.**

 15 He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

 **Why did the news about Jesus spread?**

1. Jesus in Galilee
2. **John 2:1-12** ***(John’s Report)***
3. **Matthew 4** ***(Matthew’s Report)***
* Matthew 4:12-17 *(Jesus preached about the Kingdom of God)*
* Matthew 4:18-22 *(Jesus called His first Disciples)*
* Matthew 4:23-25 *(Jesus preached and healed many)*
1. **Mark 1** ***(Mark’s Report)***
* Mark 1:14-15 *(Jesus preached about the Kingdom of God)*
* Mark 1:16-20 *(Jesus called His first Disciples)*

**Q2) What happened when He returned to His hometown, Nazareth?**

1. Jesus read from the Book of Isaiah—**Luke 4:16-19**

 16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read,

 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

 18 “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

1. Jesus sat down…**Luke 4:20-22**

 20 **Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down.** The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him.

1. Teacher always stood out of respect as they read the Word of God. Jesus sat humbly as a Rabbi
2. Jesus makes an unclear distinct claim…**Luke 4:21-22**

 21 He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

1. The Jews and Religious Leaders understood what **Isaiah 61:1-2** prophetically claimed

* The Servant who was to come will be the ultimate Preacher and Redeemer of Israel
* Jesus spoke declaring that He was the fulfillment of this promise
* He has come to provide salvation, freedom, sight and comfort to the oppressed
1. Those that hear Jesus make such a claim would not believe nor accept Him as Lord and Savior of the world

 **Why would they not accept Him as Savior?**

**Luke 4:22**

 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

1. They still knew Him as Mary and Joseph’s son
* He’s a local
* I use to watch him when He was a snotty-nosed boy
* I use to change His diapers
* I knew Him when…
* Who does He think He is?

**Luke 4:23**

 Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’”

1. Christ already had a reputation in Capernaum during His first year of ministry*—(we don’t have a complete biblical record of his ministry there)*
2. However, John’s Gospel gives us some details—**John 2:11-12**

 11 This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

 12 After this He went down to Capernaum, He, His mother, His brothers, and His disciples; and they did not stay there many days.

1. The consequences of Unbelief

**Luke 4:24-27**

 24 “Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown.

 25 I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land.

 26 Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon.

 27 And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.”

1. The widow of Zarephath—1 Kings 17:8-24 & Naaman the Syrian—2 Kings 5—were both Gentiles
* They lived during a time of widespread unbelief in Israel
1. Jesus’ point was that God bypassed all the widows and lepers in Israel and showed grace to Gentiles for there willingness to believe.

**Luke 4:28-30**

 28 When they heard this, the people in the synagogue were furious.

 29 Jumping up, they mobbed him and forced him to the edge of the hill on which the town was built. They intended to push him over the cliff,

 30 but he passed right through the crowd and went on his way.

1. Hostile opposition towards Jesus Christ because He placed Gentiles over Jews

**Homework: Read Luke 4:31-39**

**Questions to think about:**

1. Why were the people astonished at His teaching?
2. Who was the man in the synagogue and what was different about him?
3. What did the demons say to Jesus?
4. Did Jesus rebuke the man or the demons?
5. How did the people react after Jesus delt with the demons?