

EARLY EVENTS IN JESUS' MINISTRY

(Luke 4:14-30)

I. THE DEVIL TEMPTS THE MESSIAH (Luke 4:1-13)

II. THE PREACHING MINISTRY OF THE MESSIAH COMMENCES (4:14-30)

A. Jesus taught in the SYNAGOGUES of GALILEE (4:14-15)

1. Like His baptism and temptations, Jesus' ministry was marked by the _____ of the _____ as He went into Galilee. (v. 14a)
2. Jesus' rising popularity was very apparent because the "_____ of Him went out through _____ the surrounding region." (v. 14b)
3. The initial response to Jesus' teaching was extremely _____, as He was "*glorified by _____.*" (v. 15)

B. Jesus taught in the SYNAGOGUE of NAZARETH (4:16-30)

1. Something that was a _____ for Jesus was to go to the Jewish synagogue on Saturday, the Sabbath. (v. 16a)

* What should this teach every single one of us who are Christians, "*followers of Christ*"?

2. Jewish teachers typically "_____ up to read" the Scriptures from the Law or the Prophets, and they would then customarily _____ to expound on them. (v. 16b, 20)

3. Jesus read from the scroll of Isaiah (61:1-2)...
 - a. The Messiah would possess “*the _____ of the Lord,*” and He would also “*preach the _____*” (v. 18a, cf. Luke 1:19; Deut. 18:18; Isa. 41:27; 52:7).
 - b. The Messiah would bring salvation to _____ sinners and healing to “*brokenhearted*” people, He would set “_____” free and give sight to the “_____.” (v. 18b; 6:20-21)

4. After Jesus read from Isaiah He sat down, and He announced the _____ of this passage, revealing that He _____ was the long awaited Messiah. (vv. 20-21)

5. Jesus expected the people of Nazareth to ask Him to do _____ like He had already done in Capernaum, but He _____ to do any for His hometown. (vv. 22-23)

6. Jesus then explained why He was not going to give these Nazarenes preferential treatment...
 - a. During a period of Israel’s apostasy, even though there were many needy widows in Israel, God only sent Elijah to one Gentile _____ in _____. (vv. 25-26, cf. 1 Kings 17:8-16)
 - b. Likewise, even though there were many lepers in Israel, Jehovah did _____ send Elisha to heal any of them, except a _____ Syrian called Naaman. (v. 27, cf. 2 Kings 5:1-19)

* Did these self righteous Jews understand what Christ was saying? (vv. 28-29)

* What can you apply from this passage?