

**SUBJECT : CALLED TO A MISSION**

**BIBLE BASIS:**

**Lesson Scripture:**

**Luke 4:16-24,28-30**

**BIBLE TRUTH:**

**Jesus' ministry of compassion.**

**MEMORY VERSE: READ Luke 4:18,19**

**LESSON AIM:**

**That you will understand we must continue  
Jesus' ministry.**

People of all ages question their ultimate goals  
and purpose. What does God expect of me?

# A Home Town Hero?

- And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read. [17] And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written\_
- Nazareth, the hometown of Jesus' parents, Joseph and Mary, and of Jesus' childhood and early manhood. Nazareth had a reputation of being a city that no one had anything good to say about it. John 1:46
- The service of the synagogue meeting was very simple. There was prayer, the reading of the Scripture (scroll), and an exposition of the Scripture.
- As one reads the New Testament, there are two important facts to remember about the synagogue. (1) Its primary purpose was to teach the Word of God. All other functions were secondary. (2) There was no permanent preacher or teacher. It was the practice to call upon both local and visiting teachers to give an exposition of the Scripture.
- These two facts explain why Jesus, and later the apostles, were able to find an open pulpit in the synagogues as they carried out their mission throughout the world

# The Anointing Destroys The Yoke

- [18] The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, [19] To preach the acceptable year of the Lord..
- When God calls, He anoints; He equips the messenger with His Spirit. The Holy Spirit goes with the messenger wherever God sends him. John 3:34, Col. 2:9, 2Corn. 4:7
- The Messiah was to preach the gospel. The word “gospel” means to evangelize. Note the Messiah was to preach to two classes of people. He was to preach to the poor in spirit. Matt 5:3
- He was to preach deliverance to the captives. This is a picture of prisoners of war being held captive by the devil. 2 Corn. 4:4
- The Messiah was to preach the age of salvation. The term “acceptable year” means the era, the age or day of salvation. 2 Cor. 6:2.
- Jesus was reading from Isaiah 61:1-2, but He abruptly stopped in the middle of Isaiah 61:2. Why? Because the last part of the verse had to do with judgment and Jesus’ present ministry was salvation, not judgment. John 3:17, Luke 19:10

# What Does It Mean To Be Anointed For Business?

## **To be anointed for business is to:**

To be set aside by God for service in the marketplace to use your job as a ministry vehicle to bring transformation to the marketplace so that the gospel will reach everyone in your sphere of influence.

## **What is a marketplace believer?**

A marketplace believer is a new buzz word used to describe believer in the marketplace who God has anointed and strategically placed in the marketplace to extend the Kingdom of God. And is aware that God has called him or her to use their vocation as a ministry vehicle to extend the kingdom of God right where they are. John 15:16

**Based on that definition; How many marketplace believers are here today?**

# Jesus Is Depending On You?

- 2Corn 5:17-19 Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature old things are past away behold all things are be come new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and **hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation**; to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the **world unto himself** not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation in other words, God has called all of us to reconcile this **world unto himself**.
- In other words, God has called all of us to reconcile this world unto himself. To reconcile is to bring back a thing into alignment with its original purpose. The mission of the church is to carry out Gods original intent. Amen

# He That Has Ear Let Him Hear

- [20] And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. [21] And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.
- The second scene was Jesus' phenomenal claim. The scene was one of eager expectation.
- Jesus closed the book, handed it to the minister, and sat down; sitting was the posture for preaching in the synagogue. All eyes "were fastened on Him", a descriptive phrase meaning fixed, gazing, spellbound. They stared at Him, their eyes were locked upon Him eagerly waiting to see what He had to say.
- His voice pierced the air: "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears"—what a awesome claim.
- The word "today" is important. The people thought of the Messiah's coming and the Messianic age in terms of the **future**. Jesus proclaimed that He was the Messiah—that the Messianic Age was **then and now**, that all the Scripture of Isaiah was *fulfilled* in Him.
- Matt. 16:15-17, John 4:25-26

# Who Does He Think He Is

- [22] And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son? [23] And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country..
- The third scene was the people's declining response.
- First, they were impressed with His eloquence, His charm and winning words, and the power of His message. Note the word "wondered". It means they began to marvel and to be astonished at the gracious words flowing from His mouth.
- Second, they began to question. Sitting there listening, the questions began to arise in their thoughts: "Is this not Joseph's son?" (Matthew 13:55-57). Let us know they were offended in Him" The word "offended" means they stumbled over Him. 1Corn 1:22-23
- 3.Third, they demanded proof, insisted that He had to heal, that is, prove Himself by working miracles in their midst. all this was still thoughts in their minds. John 4:46-54
- The point is this: the response of the people to Jesus' claim deteriorated from being *impressed* to being *offended* to *demanding proof*.

# Why Miracles?

- 90% of American believes in God, however 80% of the 90% don't believe Jesus is God. Miracles are designed to convince the unbeliever Jesus is God.
- John 2:23 many believer when they saw the miracles
- Luke 7:20-22 Jesus convinces John the Baptist that he is the Christ
- John 14:8-13 Jesus convinces Phillip that he is God by his works
- John 2:11 Miracles caused the Disciples to believe.
- Acts 2:22 God confirms ministry in Jesus by the miracles
- Act 4:16-20 God confirmed ministry in the Apostles by miracles
- John 7:31 the Jews were not convinced but questioned themselves
- John 12:37-48 They believed not because of the miracles
- John 6:14 Miracles was the signature card of the Messiah
- Mark 16:16-18 God wants to confirm ministry in you.
- 2Corn 5:17-19 This is our ministry. John 15:16
- 1Corn 2:3-4 He will backup your words
- 2Corn 4:7 we have this treasure, Col. 2:9-10 God has given you authority. Matt 16:13-19, Jam. 5:14-15, 1John 5:15

# Repentant or Rejection?

- [24] And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country
- The fourth scene was the people's painful rejection. Jesus continued to speak, directing His remarks toward His hometown audience. But note: Jesus knew they had already rejected Him. Therefore, He would not gratify their curiosity and demand for signs, nor would He continue to preach; but rather He would give a twofold warning.
- “No prophet is *accepted* in His own country.” They had rejected Him and He knew it. They could not hide the fact. They had allowed familiarity to breed contempt.
- Thought it far-fetched that the claims of a hometown boy could be true. They had given in to envy among neighbors.
- Note the words “His own country.” Jesus was bound to be thinking of all Israel as well as Nazareth. The Jewish nation would eventually reject Him, the true Messiah. John 1:10-12

# Church Folk Will Kill You

- [28] And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, [29] And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong. [30] But he passing through the midst of them went his way,
- The fifth scene was the people's true spirit. Note what Jesus said to the people sitting before Him.
- Jesus said that God would turn and give His mercy to someone else if the Jews rejected Him. God would turn to those who were responsive to Him. He would not continue to appeal to those who were always rejecting and hardening their hearts.
- The Lord will not continue to strive after a man, not forever. A person can go too far too often, and face eternity without the presence of God. A person must surrender to the Spirit of God while there is still time. Genesis 6:3.
- (Matt. 12:22-32 Blaspheme Holy Ghost unpardonable sin? Yes or No), 1John 3:8, Luke 16:13 two masters, John 16:8-11 conviction
- The indestructible word of God. Luke 21:33; Matthew 5:18



