Why Did They Turn on Jesus? April 24, 2022

*Luke 4:14-30 Series: How It All Began*

There is more mercy in Christ than sin in us. – Richard Sibbes

Intro: Don’t be a dirty rose?

1. Jesus proclaimed Himself as the hope for the desperate
2. He is the promised hope

v. 18 *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me*

v. 18 *he has anointed me*

v. 18 *He has sent me*

1. His actions supported His words not the other way around

v. 18 *to proclaim good news to the poor*

v. 18 *to proclaim liberty to the captives*

v. 18 *to proclaim … recovering of sight to the blind*

v. 19 *to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor*

v. 21 *Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.*

Matthew 11:2-3 *Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?”*

1. If your gospel isn’t hope for the desperate, it’s not the gospel

Matthew 23:4 *They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger.*

* What was Jesus claiming in quoting from Isaiah 61:1-2?
* How is the gospel good news to the poor, captives, and blind?
* What are some ways that we can get the gospel wrong?

1. Some people want the signs but not what they point to
2. People enjoy listening to Jesus’ teaching

v. 22 *And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth.*

v. 15 *he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all*

1. The stumbling block is Jesus’ identity

v. 22 *And they said, “Is not this Joseph's son?”*

John 10:32-33 *Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?” The Jews answered him, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.”*

1. Some people want a genie not a Saviour

v. 23 *Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘“Physician, heal yourself.” What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.’*

Mark 6:5-6 *And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief.*

* Why did the people resist the fact that “Joseph’s son” was saying the things that He did?
* Why do you accept Jesus’ claim to be God (John 10:33)?
* Why did “unbelief” keep Jesus from doing more miracles in some of the towns and villages He visited (Mark 6:5-6)?

1. Jesus doesn’t promise to bless those who think they deserve it
2. Sometimes the poor aren’t receptive to good news for the poor

vv. 25-26 *there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, and Elijah was sent to none of them*

v. 27 *And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed …*

1. Rich or poor, God seeks those who have come to see how much they need Him

v. 26 *but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow*

1 Kings 17:15 *And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days.*

v. 27 *none … was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian*

2 Kings 5:14 *he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God*

1. The people who assumed Jesus owed them tried to kill Him

v. 28 *When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath.*

v. 29 *And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff.*

* Why didn’t God heal the Jewish widows and lepers during the time of Elijah and Elisha?
* Why did Jesus bring up the examples of the widow of Zarephath and the Syrian general?
* What does this passage teach you about how we should imitate Jesus’ ministry today?

Study ahead: Next week, we’ll study Luke 4:31-44

Notes