

# LUKE - Part 14 - Today this scripture is fulfilled

*Luke 4:14 - 21 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. <sup>15</sup> He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.*

*<sup>16</sup> 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, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:*

*<sup>18</sup> "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,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." <sup>q</sup>*

*<sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."*

As Jesus returns to Galilee, teaching in their synagogues we see how it was Jesus' practise to gather on the sabbath, read God's word and proclaim the Truth it contains, which was an overflow of His faith in God's word and His ways.

As we read about the year of the Lord's favour, declaring:

1. Good news to the poor
2. Freedom for the prisoners
3. Sight for the blind
4. Freedom for the oppressed

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Where do we need to learn from Jesus' faith in God's word and ways, and allow for the "year of the Lord's favour" to break into our lives?

## **1. Good news to the poor?**

Do you feel like one of the unwanted people in the world. (the poor)

## **2. Freedom to the prisoners**

Are you lost in your studies, the meaningless of life, struggling with the brokenness of your family, your pornography addiction or addiction to alcohol?

Are you stuck in a system of moving targets? (indentured labour) Constantly waiting to arrive at a destination that's always around the next corner? The ultimate form of this is religion; are you constantly earning your acceptance with God?

## **3. Sight for the blind**

What do you view as your disability? What is your blindness?

## **4. Set the oppressed free**

What is the crisis in your life where you need the Father's help?

We can live in the Year of the Lord's favour because the "day of vengeance of our God" (Isa 61:2b) was poured out on Jesus. Where do we need to believe the truth of God's word for our lives, and live in the fullness of what He has done for us?