

Sermon Notes 03.05.2017 – Seeing Jesus – Facing Opposition

We See Jesus Coming Home

Luke 4:14-21 And **Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit**, and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district. **15** And He *began teaching in their synagogues and was praised by all.* **16** And **He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up**; and as was His custom, **He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read.** **17** And **the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him.** And He opened the book and found the place where it was written, **18 "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, 19 TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."** **20** And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. **21** And He began to say to them, **"Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."**

John 4:45 So when He came to Galilee, **the Galileans received Him, having seen all the things that He did in Jerusalem at the feast**; for they themselves also went to the feast.

Isaiah 61 is a Prophecy of the Messiah

We See Jesus Being Rejected & We Are Challenged to Answer the Questions

Mark 6:2-7 **2** When the Sabbath came, **He began to teach in the synagogue**; and the **many listeners** were astonished, saying, **"Where did this man get these things, and what is *this* wisdom given to Him, and such miracles as these performed by His hands?"** **3** "Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? Are not His sisters here with us?" And **they took offense at Him.** **4** Jesus said to them, **"A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his own relatives and in his own household."** **5** And He could do no miracle there except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. **6** And **He wondered at their unbelief.** And He was going around the villages teaching. **7** And He *summoned the twelve and began to send them out in pairs, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits;

They Listened and Were "Astonished"

They Were Offended (Scandalized) & Unbelieving

How Do We Respond to the Questions?

"Where did this man *get* these things, and what is *this* wisdom given to Him, and such miracles as these performed by His hands?"

Nicodemus - John 3:2 "...said to Him, **"Rabbi, we know that You have come from God *as* a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."**

We Receive His Sayings

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"If Anyone..."

John 7:15-17 **The Jews then were astonished**, saying, "How has this man become learned, having never been educated?" 16 So Jesus answered them and said, **"My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me. 17. "If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself.**

Seek to do the will of Him

John 5:30 **"I can do nothing on My own initiative.** As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because **I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.**

We See Jesus – Sending People Out

Jesus Didn't Send the Hometown Folks – He Sent the Twelve

Mark 6:7 **He *summoned the twelve and began to send them out in pairs, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits;**

The Twelve Probably Asked the Same Questions at Some point

The Twelve Had Good Answers to the Questions – They were "Willing"

The Twelve Were "...anyone (who) is willing to do His will"

They were "...children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world" Philippians 2:15

And if we are willing to do His will we will know and will have the confidence we need...

For what? For what He has called us and gifted us to do.

We are planters and waterers and God will give the increase

1 Corinthians 3:6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth.