

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORD
ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

May 27, June 3

THE MASTER'S MANDATE, MESSAGE, AND MISSION
LUKE 4:18-19; ISAIAH 61:1-4

LUKE 4:16-22 NKJV

“So 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 to read. And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.” Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?””

ISAIAH 61:1-4 NKJV

““The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the

poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.” And they shall rebuild the old ruins, They shall raise up the former desolations, And they shall repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations.”

I. IMPORTANT TO SEE HOW JESUS DEFINES HIMSELF AND HOW HE DEFINES HIS WORK

A. He links His ministry to prophecy because He is the Fulfillment of God’s Word, His Promises to His People

B. Scribes & Pharisees attempt to *define* Him, because they want to *confine* Him - limit His appeal and impact - not trying to be Disciples- not trying to learn anything from Him

C. Luke 5:32 NLT - *“I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent.”*

1. The Call of Levi (tax collector) - Jesus shows concern for those whose hearts and minds are impressionable, those humbly and faithfully waiting for the move of God, His revelation, those desirous of being in right relationship with God....He wants them to see Him for who He is and glorify the Father as they are blessed by His Word and His Works
 - a. John 8:31 KJV - “ if you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.” We, His Disciples, should be known by our word and works that identify us as being in Him, and He in us.
 - b. Matthew 7:16 NKJV - “You will know them by their fruits..”

II. JESUS LINKING HIS WORK TO PROPHECY

A. Bespeaks His love for the Scriptures

1. Honors God’s Revelation precedent to His own as Word made flesh
2. As Disciples we should do the same, establish our foundation in the Word, so we can interpret other forms of Revelation (the Person of Christ, the move of the Holy Spirit)....Give the Word a hallowed place in our hearts, it is our bread and water...We can’t develop properly without its nourishment

III. JESUS MINISTRY MANDATE: HOW HE APPLIES THE SCRIPTURES IN HIS WORK

A. Ministry to Who?: The poor; the broken-hearted; the captives; the blind; the bruised;

1. Are we in there?

B. Isaiah's Context: Sent to comfort and uplift people who have suffered through captivity, the loss of fellowship, loss of the ability to practice their worship traditions and ordinances

1. Our wilderness conditions during this pandemic...disconnected, scattered, some isolated, restricted, oppressed

C. JESUS SERVANT MODEL OF MINISTRY

1. Up close and personal - not from the other side of the street - Luke 10:25-37

2. Ministries of Evangelism and Missions require love for one another, serve one another, involve ourselves in each other's joys and sorrows

3. Matthew 11:3 - Jesus to John's Disciples who ask if He is the One? - *"Go and tell John the things*

which you hear and see: the blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of me.“