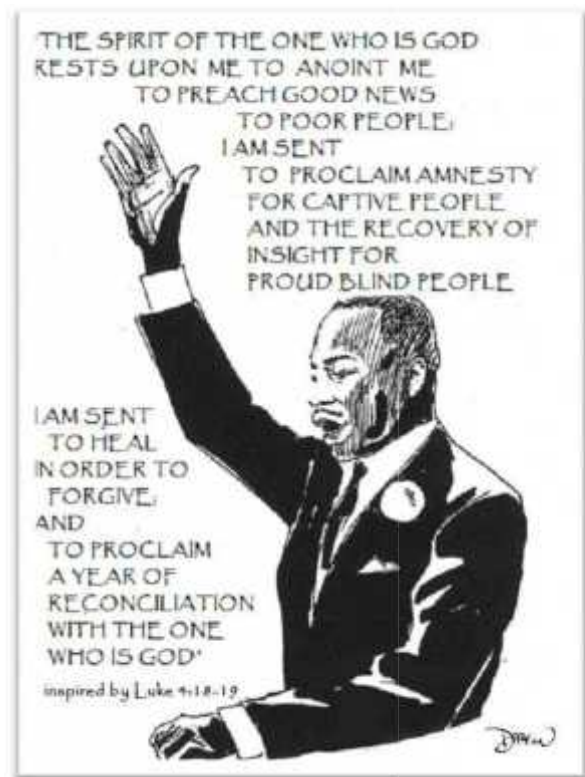


Jesus' Mission

Luke 4:16-30



GATHERING

- **Opening Prayer**
- **Evening Song**

“Blowin’ In The Wind” [Blowing In The Wind lyrics on <http://www.elyricsworld.com>]

How many years can a mountain exist, before it is forced to the sea.

How many years can some people exist, before they're allowed to be free.

Yes and how many times can a man turn his head, and pretend that he just doesn't see.

The answer my friend is blowing in the wind, the answer is blowing in the wind.

- **Hear the Story...**

READING

- **Read Text aloud [standing, sitting, walking – but don't go far away]**
- **Re-read silently and consider the questions that follow...**

RESPONDING

- **What does the selection of that passage from Isaiah tell about Jesus?**
- **Why did Jesus respond to the congregation the way he did?**
- **How did Jesus demonstrate “inclusiveness”?**

SHARING

- **Have you ever experienced prejudice?**
- **What is your “bias”?**
- **In your opinion, what is a Christian's mission?**

CLOSING

- **Grace/Benediction**

Luke 4:16-30 [NRSV]

16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up,
he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom.
He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him.
He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

18 ‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me
to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed
go free,

19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down.

The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

21 Then he began to say to them,

‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

22 All spoke well of him and were amazed
at the gracious words that came from his mouth.

They said,

‘Is not this Joseph’s son?’

23 He said to them,

‘Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb,
“Doctor, cure yourself!”

And you will say,

“Do here also in your home town the things
that we have heard you did at Capernaum.”’

24 And he said,

‘Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted
in the prophet’s home town.

25 But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah,
when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months,
and there was a severe famine over all the land;

26 yet Elijah was sent to none of them except
to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon.

27 There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha,
and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.’

28 When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage.

29 They got up, drove him out of the town,
and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built,
so that they might hurl him off the cliff.

30 But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.