

**One Step Behind Jesus:
Accept or Reject
Luke 4:14-30**

BIG IDEA:

As followers of
Jesus, we are all
miracles of grace!

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

v. 14-15

**He went to Nazareth,
where he had been brought
up, and on the Sabbath day
he went into the
synagogue, as was his
custom.
v. 16a**

And he stood up to read.
The scroll of the prophet
Isaiah was handed to him.
Unrolling it, he found the
place where it was written:
“The Spirit of the Lord is on
me, because he has
anointed me to preach
good news to the poor.

**He has sent me to proclaim
freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the
blind, to release the
oppressed, to proclaim the
year of the Lord's favor."**

**Then he rolled up the scroll,
gave it back to the attendant
and sat down.**

v. 16b-20a

**The eyes of everyone in the
synagogue were fastened on
him, and he began by saying
to them, "Today this
Scripture is fulfilled
in your hearing."**

v. 20b-21

Jesus describes
those who
receive grace

**“The Spirit of the Lord is on
me, because he has anointed
me to preach good news to
the poor...”**

v. 18

1. Poor

**“...He has sent me to
proclaim freedom for the
prisoners...”**

v. 18

2. Prisoners

**“...and recovery of sight for
the blind...”**

v. 18

3. Blind



**“...to release the
oppressed...”**

v. 18

4. Oppressed

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**All spoke well of him and
were amazed at the gracious
words that came from his
lips. "Isn't this Joseph's
son?" they asked.**

v. 22

Initial response
of His
hometown is
doubt

Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself!

Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.' I tell you the truth," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown."

v. 23-24

Jesus reinforces
His message with
examples of grace

“I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land.

Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed – only Naaman the Syrian.”

v. 25-27

**All the people in the
synagogue were furious
when they heard this. They
got up, drove him out of
town, and took him to the
brow of the hill on which the
town was built,**

**...in order to throw him down
the cliff. But he walked right
through the crowd and went
on his way.**

v. 28-30

Final response of
His hometown is
rejection

When faced with grace, we
either accept or reject.

There is no in-between
with Jesus.

What is your choice?

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