

One Step Behind Jesus

Accept or Reject

Luke 4:14-30

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Having been prepared by the baptism and temptation, Jesus begins His ministry in the Spirit's power. Good things happen! He is off to a great start!

But then, He goes home and faces a different reception.

He shares His message of hope and reveals what it means to accept

His message. To accept Jesus' message means

we have to be humble about who we are and what we need!

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

As we consider His message of hope today,
we must decide whether to accept or reject . . .

- Jesus describes those who **receive grace**: Luke 4:16-21
(see Isaiah 61:1-2; 58:6)
 - Poor
 - Prisoner
 - Blind
 - Oppressed
- Initial response of His hometown is **doubt**. Luke 4:22
- Jesus reinforces His message with **examples of grace**. Luke 4:23-27
(see 1 Kings 17:7-16; 2 Kings 5:1-15)
- Final response of His hometown is **rejection**. Luke 4:28-30

*When faced with grace, we either accept or reject.
There is no in-between with Jesus.*

What is your choice?

Looking ahead: Next Sunday we will study Luke 4:31-44

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