

The Gospel of Luke - Lesson 7

Luke 4:14-41

Introduction and Background

Jesus returned to His hometown and visited the synagogue. When He was asked to read, He used the passage to show that He was the promised Messiah, the One promised through the prophets centuries before. In some ways, the passage was like a job description for the Messiah. Read on and find out how the people responded and what Jesus did next.

Warm Up

Do you have a job description? What is it?

Read [Luke 4:14-30](#)

1. Which region did Jesus return to after His time in the desert? What was He doing and how were people responding? (verses 14 -15)
2. Which town did Jesus go to and what building did He enter? Which scroll did He read from?
3. There are 4 things that the “anointed” person will do in this prophecy. What are they?
4. When Jesus gave back the scroll, He sat down. Then what did He say? What do you think that means? Read more about [anointing in the Bible here](#).
5. What did the people think about what Jesus said? Were they surprised? Why?
6. Jesus says, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown.” What do you think He meant?
7. Now Jesus refers to two OT stories. What names does he mention? What places and nationalities does He mention? Read about [Elijah and the widow](#) here. Read about [Naaman here](#).
8. The people in the synagogue got angry when He mentioned these Old Testament stories. Why do you think they got so angry and what did they try to do to Him?

Read [Luke 4:31-41](#)

9. What small town did Jesus go to next?
10. What was wrong with the man that came into the synagogue? Who did he say Jesus was? Why do you think he called Jesus that?
11. What did Jesus do for the man and how did the people respond?
12. Whose house did Jesus visit next? What was wrong with the woman there? How did Jesus heal her?
13. Check out the following links about Peter’s house. [The House of Peter](#). [What we Can and Can’t Say](#). [The House and Church of St. Peter](#).
14. In verse 41, who did the demons say Jesus was? Why did He tell them not to speak?

Chat about these words from the passage:

scroll/anointed/released/oppressed/favor/attendant/intently/fulfilled/gracious/devastated

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True or False:

- a) Jesus read from the book of Isaiah.
- b) Jesus visited Simon's house in Nazareth.
- c) Jesus was becoming famous.
- d) The people knew that Jesus was the Messiah.

For Discussion:

What do you think that Jesus first teachings and healings tell us about Him? If you had to write a job description for Jesus, what would it be?

Quote:

“In spite of the unbelief of the people in Nazareth, the Scriptures declared that Jesus of Nazareth is God’s Son, the Messiah sent to fulfill His promises.” [Warren W. Wiersbe](#)

Notes:
