

The Great Offender

Luke 4:14-30

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Luke 4:14-17 NIV

[14] *Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.*

[15] *He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.*

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

[17] *... and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:*

1. Jesus comes in POWER!

2. Jesus Sets us FREE!

Luke 4:18-21 NIV

[18] *"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free..."*

[19] *... to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

[20] *Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him.*

[21] *He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."*

3. Jesus is the TRUTH!

Luke 4:22-24 NIV

[22] *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.*

[23] *Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself!' And you will tell me, 'Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'"*

[24] *"Truly I tell you," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown."*

Mark 6:1-5 NIV

[1] *Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples.*

[2] *When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. “Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing?”*

[3] *Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.*

[4] *Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.”*

[5] *He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people.*

4. Jesus is for ALL people!

Luke 4:25-27 NIV

[25] *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.*

[26] *Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon.*

[27] *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.”*

5. Jesus is in Control!

Luke 4:28-29 NIV

[28] *All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this.*

[29] *They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff.*

Luke 4:30 NIV

[30] *But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.*