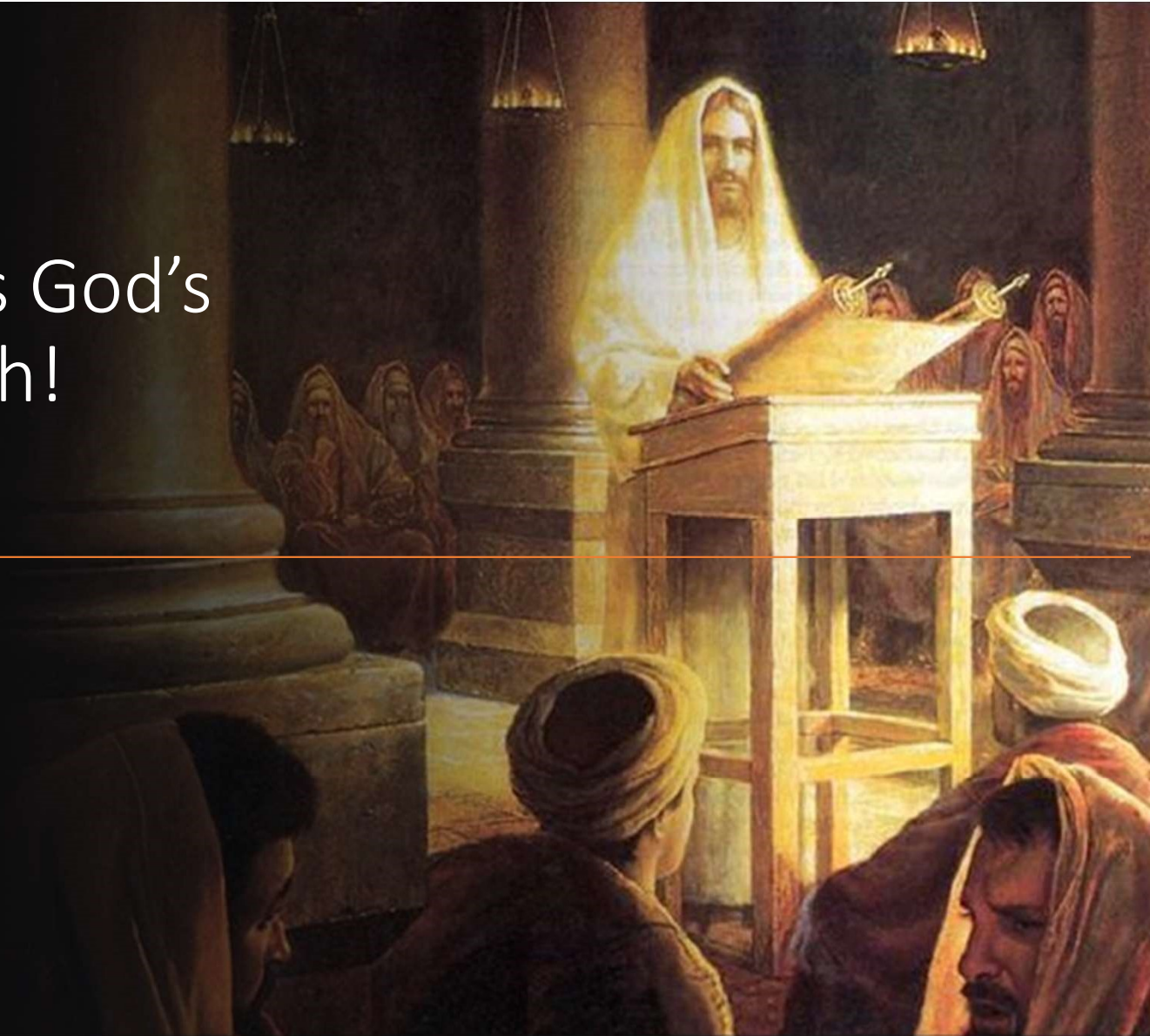
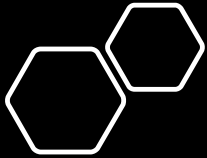


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Promised Messiah!
Luke 4:14-44





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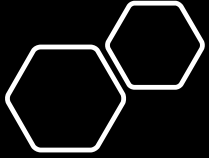
Genesis 3:17-19 (ESV)

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“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’

cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹ By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”



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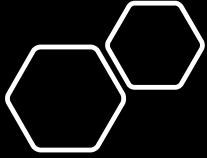
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Luke 3:21-4:13

- Jesus is the offspring of the woman who defeated Satan (battle)
- The Son of God who was born (birth)
- He identified with sinful humanity in order to rescue them (baptism)

Luke 4:14-44 Proclaim Jesus As God's Promised Messiah!

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2. Jesus demonstrates that He is the Messiah (vs. 31-41)
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Luke 4 (ESV)

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Luke 3 (ESV)

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Luke 4 (ESV)

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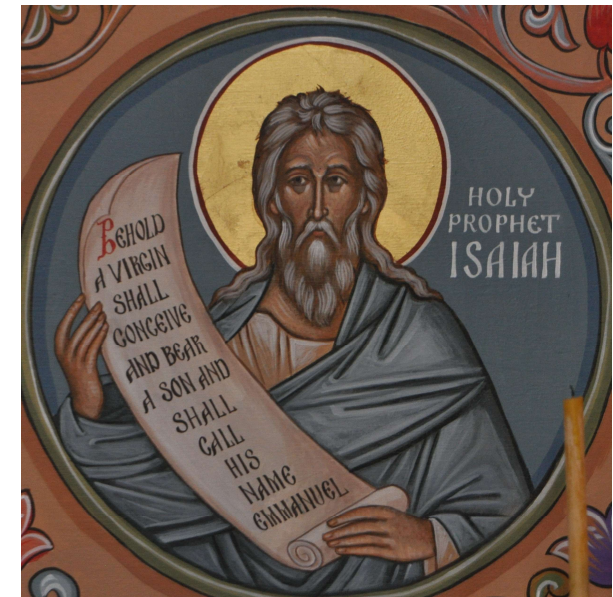
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to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

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

- Prophesying concerning Israel's captivity in Babylon
- Assurance that God will act to deliver His people
- Who will God send to proclaim His deliverance?



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Luke 3

⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" ...

¹⁵ As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.



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Jesus' 1st Coming: Spiritual Restoration

Ephesians 2:1-6 (ESV)

¹ And you were **dead in the trespasses and sins ...**⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, **made us alive together with Christ**—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ **and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,**

Physical Restoration at Jesus' 2nd Coming – New Heaven and New Earth

Revelation 21:4 (ESV)

⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

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Isa 61:2b And the day of vengeance of our God		

Jesus' 2nd Coming: Time of Vengeance

Revelation 19:11-15 (ESV)

¹¹ Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. ...¹³ He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. ...¹⁵ From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.

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²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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Responses to Jesus' teaching

Luke 4

²² And all spoke well of him and **marveled** at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, **"Is not this Joseph's son?"** ²³ And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Physician, heal yourself." What we have **heard you did** at Capernaum, **do here** in your hometown as well.'" ²⁴ And he said, "Truly, I say to you, **no prophet is acceptable in his hometown.**

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Why Jesus did not do miraculous works in Nazareth?

Luke 5

In accordance with Jesus' will and upon faith => a plea, not a demand

¹² While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, “**Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.**” ¹³ And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “**I will; be clean.**” And immediately the leprosy left him.

Luke 11

Miracles are subject to misinterpretation due to hardened hearts

¹⁴ Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. ¹⁵ But some of them said, “**He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,**” ¹⁶ while others, **to test him, kept seeking from him a sign** from heaven.

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Foreshadowing Jesus' future rejection

Acts 3:12-15 (ESV)

¹² And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “**Men of Israel**, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ **But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life**, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

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Blessing to the Gentiles

Luke 4

²⁵ But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶ and **Elijah was sent** to none of them but only **to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.** ²⁷ And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet **Elisha**, and none of them was cleansed, but only **Naaman the Syrian.**”

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1 Kings 17:8-16 (ESV)

⁸ Then the word of the LORD came to him, ⁹ “**Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there.** Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰ So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹ And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹² And she said, “**As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.**” ¹³ And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ **For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’**” ¹⁵ **And she went and did as Elijah said.** And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.



2 Kings 5:6-8 (ESV)

⁶ And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, “When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy.” ⁷ And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, “**Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy?**

Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me.”

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, “Why have you torn your clothes? **Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel.**”

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2 Kings 5:14 ESV)

¹⁴ So he went down and **dipped himself** seven times in the Jordan, **according to the word of the man of God**, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and **he was clean**.

2 Kings 5:15-18 (ESV)

¹⁵ Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, “Behold, **I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel**; ...Then Naaman said, “If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD. ¹⁸ In this matter may the LORD pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon your servant in this matter.”

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²⁸ When they heard these things, all in the synagogue **were filled with wrath**. ²⁹ And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that **they could throw him down the cliff**. ³⁰ But passing through their midst, he went away.

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Luke 2

¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David **a Savior, who is Christ the Lord**.

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Luke 9

²⁰ Then he said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” And Peter answered, “The Christ of God.”

²¹ And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, ²² saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”

The role of Jesus' Messiahship is not fully revealed or understood yet

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2 Corinthians 6:14-15 (ESV)

¹⁴ Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? ¹⁵ What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever?

Acts 16:16-18 (ESV)

¹⁶ As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ She followed Paul and us, crying out, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.” ¹⁸ And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

God’s work is not to have any tinge of association with Satan and evil

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- The task of proclaiming God's kingdom is given to His followers (Acts 1:8)

Acts 1:8 (ESV)

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Questions:

- If you proclaim to your non-Christian family member or friend that Jesus is God's Promised Messiah who will ultimately solve all the ills of this world, what do you think will be their response? How would you answer them?
- What will assure you from today's passage to continue to trust in Jesus and to proclaim Him to others?