

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth (Luke Ch 4 vs 14-30)

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in the synagogues, and everyone praised him. Luke 4:14,15.

1. Jesus' ministry in Galilee was

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went to the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: '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 to the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' Luke 4:16-19

2. Jesus is saying

Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing. Luke 4:21

*He has sent me to bind the broken hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of God's favour **and the day of vengeance of our God.*** Isaiah 61:1,2

3. There will be a day of God's vengeance but with the coming of Jesus the Messiah
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All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. 'Isn't that Joseph's son?' they asked. Luke 4:22

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 off the cliff. Luke 4:28,29

I assure you 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 of Zarephath in the region of Sidon. Luke 4:25,26 (TNIV)

4. The gospel is going to go beyond you
5. as this widow and this leper
6. We can reject Jesus
7. We can reject Jesus when he
8. We can have a general attraction to Jesus

Jesus could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few who were ill and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith. Mark 6:5 (TNIV)

9. We can reject Jesus