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exploring conversations & interactions
Jesus had with others

Study Guide

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**DEEPER**

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

After the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness, he returns to his hometown of Nazareth ([Luke 4:14](#)). Jesus, in the synagogue, stands to read from the scroll of Isaiah. **What do we learn about his purpose as others reject him at Nazareth?**

The Power of The Spirit

**ON TARGET**

Jesus has come to proclaim the good news of God's kingdom

Luke demonstrates how Jesus was led by the power of the Spirit.

- The Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism ([Lk. 3:21-22](#))
- The Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness ([Lk. 4:1](#))
- Jesus returns to the region of Galilee in the "power of the Spirit" ([Lk. 4:14](#))

News of Jesus spread throughout the countryside.
([ref. Lk. 4:14](#))

Reading From The Scroll of Isaiah

LUKE 4:18-22 (NIV)

"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, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." 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. He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." 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."



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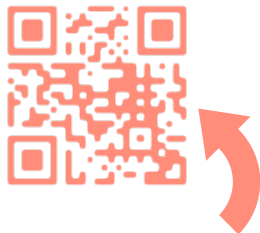
Isaiah was a prophet of God, whose name means: "**the salvation of Yahweh**"

Isaiah (the prophet)

Isaiah witnessed the fall of the northern kingdom of Israel and the near similar fate of Judah, the southern kingdom. Isaiah foretells the salvation of God's people, their return from Babylonian captivity, and the eventual return of Yahweh.

The Book of [Isaiah](#)

The Reading of Jesus



RESOURCES

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Isaiah 61:1–2a (NIV)

"The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor..."

Jesus only reads the first half of (v2). **What Jesus is saying is clear. He is claiming to be the Messiah who will bring the promised kingdom of God.** I would imagine the clamor of people, amazed by his words, could be heard throughout the synagogue.



LUKE 4:23 (NIV)

"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.'"

Isaiah 60:1-2 (NIV)

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you."

Good News

As Jesus reads from Isaiah, he begins by saying, "**The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me.**" We have noted the leading role of the Spirit in Luke's gospel. Beginning here, Jesus stresses the present fulfillment of what Isaiah had foretold centuries before.

Jesus has been anointed to proclaim good news to the poor, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom to captives, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. For this, the crowd seems to turn. They want to see some miracle, some proof:

Rejection?

Why was Jesus rejected in his hometown?

Israel was to be a light to the nations. ref. [Isaiah 60:1-3](#)

Luke has alluded to **Jesus** as a light to the nations:

Luke 2:29–32 (NIV)

"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. 30 For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."

Jesus has come to fulfill the will of God in bringing His love and mercy to the nations.

Jesus Rejected At Nazareth



BRIDGING THE CONTEXT

Take a moment to connect God's word to our lives today.

What Jesus is saying is clear. He is claiming to be the Messiah who will bring the promised kingdom of God. However, some rejected Jesus and this claim. The difficulty is that Jesus was different from who some were expecting. Today, our expectations of who Jesus should be can blind us to who he is. The challenge is to set aside our prejudices to understand who Jesus is.

Do my expectations of who Jesus should be blind me to who Jesus is?

The message of God's kingdom is good news. Jesus has come to proclaim good news. He has come to offer freedom from the bondage of the curse of sin (see, [Rom. 6:6; 18](#)).

As Christians, we should use our freedom in Christ to share God's kingdom blessing with others.

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