

Insights from Luke

#9: Who Better to Preach the Gospel than Jesus Himself

Luke 4:14-30

What are the best
sermons you ever heard
in your life?

What about the first
sermon you ever heard?

Luke 2:49b

“49b ... Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father’s house?”

Luke 4:14-16

“¹⁴ And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district. ¹⁵ And He began teaching in their synagogues and was praised by all. ¹⁶ And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read.”

1. Thanksgivings
2. Prayer, with response of “Amen”
3. Reading of a passage from the Pentateuch
4. Reading of a passage from the Prophets
5. Sermon
6. The Benediction

Luke 4:17-20

“¹⁷ And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written,

‘¹⁸ The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.’

“²⁰ And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him.

The poor

The captives

The blind

The oppressed

Luke 4:21

“²¹ And He began to say to them, ‘Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’”

Luke 4:22-24

“²² And all were speaking well of Him, and wondering at the gracious words which were falling from His lips; and they were saying, ‘Is this not Joseph’s son?’ ²³ And He said to them, ‘No doubt you will quote this proverb to Me, “Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we heard was done at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.”’ ²⁴ And He said, ‘Truly I say to you, no prophet is welcome in his hometown.’”

Matthew 12:38

“³⁸ Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Him, ‘Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.’”

Matthew 16:1,4

“¹ The Pharisees and Sadducees came up, and testing Jesus, they asked Him to show them a sign from heaven. ... ⁴ An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign; and a sign will not be given it, except the sign of Jonah.’ And He left them and went away.”

Luke 4:25-27

“²⁵ ‘But I say to you in truth, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, when a great famine came over all the land; ²⁶ and yet 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 Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.’”

Elijah and Elisha

Luke 4:28-30

“²⁸ And all the people in the synagogue were filled with rage as they heard these things; ²⁹ and they got up and drove Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city had been built, in order to throw Him down the cliff. ³⁰ But passing through their midst, He went His way.”

**Murder of the savior
is the expected response of
the unbelieving world.**

**If you take this gospel
to the unbelieving,
they will want to
assassinate you, too!**

**Preaching must contain
the Law and the Gospel.**

The Basic Principles We Live by:

God is all good and active in everything, everywhere.

We are basically good because God's divinity is in us
and in everyone.

We create our experiences by what we choose to think
and what we feel and believe.

Through affirmative prayer and meditation, we
connect with God and bring out the best in our lives.

We do and give our best by living the truth we know.
We make a wonderful difference.

My greatest problem in life is solved.