

Jesus Christ Begins His Earthly Ministry (Luke 4:14-30)

BIG IDEA: *Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world.*

I. Narrative

- A. Jesus Christ returns to Galilee (from the wilderness) and the power of the Holy Spirit working through Him is being made evident to all. His fame was spreading throughout Galilee and He was “being glorified by all.” (4:14)
- B. Jesus Christ returns to Nazareth and His teaching on Messianic prophecy’s fulfillment (Isaiah is initially well received. (4:15-22)
 - 1. This is His first recorded sermon.
 - 2. He referenced Isaiah 61:1-2 and purposely inserted a section (58:6) and omitted a section (61:2b).
 - 3. Jesus Christ was literally fulfilling the Messianic prophecy of Isaiah 9:1-2!
- C. Jesus is rejected out of an unbelief that was fueled by unbiblical prejudices. (4:23-30)

II. Observations

- A. The Jews in Nazareth *initially* rejoiced in the gospel that Jesus Christ preached when it was directed towards them.
- B. However, they *violently* rejected Jesus Christ and His gospel when it was directed towards the Gentiles, whom they despised.
- C. A wrong, unbiblical view of themselves led to their **pride**, which led to their **prejudice**, which ultimately led to their **rejection** of God’s truth and grace through Jesus Christ.
- D. Jesus Christ *miraculously* escaped from their murderous, unlawful intentions and showcased His divine power over the physical realm.

Does Jesus Christ’s message of “global grace” offend you?

III. Application

- A. Because Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world, the Gospel opposes **pride**.
- B. Because Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world, the Gospel opposes **prejudice**.
- C. Because Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world, the Gospel opposes **popularity**.