

## One Story Week 7: Jesus Luke 4:16-30

**Objectives: Big Idea:** The Bible is one story of God's redemption and salvation through Jesus.

After weeks of looking at snapshots of God's big picture we have finally arrived at the person to whom the story has been pointing: Jesus. Tonight we are going to look at who Jesus is and how He is the fulfillment of the story God has always been writing.

### Launch

The Bible tells us that Jesus has always existed as God (John 1). The Bible teaches that Jesus is the one who created everything and everyone (Colossians 1). Yet, when he came to earth he chose to live an ordinary life in an ordinary village in Palestine, which was under oppressive Roman rule. He could have been born in a royal family or a wealthy family. **Why do you think Jesus chose to be born in a poor, marginalized, "normal" family/community?**

### Explore

Read Luke 4:16-30

- **Focusing on vv16-21, what types of people does the passage say Jesus came for?** (*poor, captives, blind and oppressed*)
- **How could these be spiritual descriptions of people as well?** (*we have no spiritual wealth apart from God, we are captive to sin, we are blind to the truth, we are oppressed by Satan*)
- **What do these 4 types of people have in common?** (*people who needed help and knew they needed help*)
- **Think of what we have learned of God's story so far. Throughout Scripture, how have we specifically seen God use weak people?** *Abraham, Moses & Israel (captive), David, Nineveh and many others.*

Most Bible scholars think "the year of the Lord's favor" refers to the Year of Jubilee. This was a time when debts were forgiven, servants were freed, and wrongs were made right. It had come to mean the time when God's Messiah would come to make things right for His people.

**In light of this, what do you think Jesus was claiming in vs21?** (*They would have thought*

*he was claiming to be the Messiah since Isaiah 61 was a passage describing the Messiah. The Messiah was God's anointed or chosen one sent to rescue his people and usher in the year of the Lord's favor.*

**Let's briefly take a look at his original passage in Isaiah.**

**Read Isaiah 61:1-2**

- **How is Jesus' life a fulfillment of these promises?** (*life and ministry spent granting physical healing, casting out demons, proclaiming truth*)
- **How is Jesus' death and resurrection a fulfillment of these promises?** (*Though we were held captive to sin and death, His death broke those chains in us.*)

**Looking at vv22-30, how do people respond to his claims? Why do you think they respond this way?** (*Not well, they were confused then filled with wrath.*)

**Apply (you need at least 15 minutes!)**

- **In what ways do you/have you seen yourself as poor, blind, captive, or oppressed? What does it look like in your life?**
- **What is one way you have recently experienced the Good News he came to proclaim?**
- **How can you help others experience the Good News Jesus came to proclaim?**

**Pray in groups**

**Announcements (5 minutes)**