

Luke 4:14-21

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Jesus has begun to establish a reputation. Everyone is praising him as he travels through the countryside. Jesus falls quickly into some routine of going to the synagogues on the Sabbath day. He has returned to Nazareth, his home town.

He reads from Isaiah.

What does the quote from Isaiah talk about?

In what ways do these things reflect what the Kingdom of God looks like?

The Jewish people in Jesus' time thought about a Messiah who would do all of those things, what did they expect the Messiah to look and act like?

When Jesus says that the scripture has been fulfilled in their hearing it, what do you think he meant? Was he announcing himself as the Messiah?

What do you think the people in the synagogue that day were thinking?