

BIBLE STUDY

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Luke 4 and Release Play

NARRATOR: When the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him until an opportune time.

And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district. And He *began* teaching in their synagogues and was praised by all. 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. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the scroll and found the place where it was written,

JESUS: "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 **RELEASE** THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED,
TO PROCLAIM THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."

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

JESUS: Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing. And all were speaking well of Him, and wondering at the gracious words which were falling from His lips;

PEOPLE: Is this not Joseph's son?

JESUS: 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.' Truly I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. 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; 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.

NARRATOR: And all *the people* in the synagogue were filled with rage as they heard these things; 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. But passing through their midst, He went His way.

Isaiah 58 and 61 Used by Jesus

The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, (Isa. 61)
Because He has anointed Me (Isa. 61)
To preach good news to the poor (Isa. 61)
He has sent Me
To proclaim to the captives release (Isa. 61)
And to the blind new sight, (Isa. 61)
To release the broken/oppressed (Isa. 58,
instead of “proclaim freedom to prisoners”)
To proclaim the LORD’s acceptable year (Isa.
61).

By quoting these two verses about the eschatological year of Jubilee (called the “acceptable” year by Isaiah), Jesus tells His audience that He is that anointed One (Messiah) who both proclaims and is the agent of release (the releaser).

Yet the agent and proclaimer of the acceptable year is not acceptable. As Jesus says, “No prophet is acceptable in his hometown.”

Release as Forgiveness

Luke 4:18-19

Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, For He has anointed Me; To preach good news to the poor he has sent Me: To proclaim for the captives release/aphesis, and to the blind sight; To send forth the oppressed in release/aphesis; To proclaim the year of the Lord's acceptance.

1:77 [Zacarias says]: To give to His people the knowledge of salvation By the forgiveness/release/aphesis of their sins...

3:3 And John came into all the district around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the release/forgiveness/aphesis of sins...

5:20 Seeing their faith, He said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven/released/aphesis."

21 The scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this man who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive/release/

aphesis sins, but God alone?"

23 Which is easier to say, 'Your sins have been forgiven/released/aphesis, or to say, 'Get up and walk'?

24 But, so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive/release/aphesis sins".

7:47 "For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven/released/aphesis, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven/released little, loves little."

48 Then He said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven/released/aphesis."

49 Those who were reclining at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this man who even forgives/releases/aphesis sins?"

11:4 And forgive/release/aphesis us our sins, For we ourselves also forgive/release/

aphesis everyone who is indebted to us..."

17:3 "Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive/release/aphesis him.

4 And if he sins against you seven times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' forgive/release/aphesis him."

23:34 [At the crucifixion] "Father, forgive/release/aphesis them; for they do not know what they are doing."

24:45-47 Jesus said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ/Messiah would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for the forgiveness/release/aphesis of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations..."

Male and Female in Jesus' Discourses

Luke 4:25-27

Many widows there were...in Israel...and to none of them...except to Zarephath of Sidon to a woman who was a widow.

And many lepers [masculine] there were in Israel...and none of them..except Naaman the Syrian.

Luke 11:31-32

The queen of the south will be raised in the judgment with the men of this generation and will condemn them, for..., and behold something greater than Solomon is here.

The men of Nineveh will arise in the judgment with this generation and condemn it...and behold something greater than Jonah is here.

Luke 13:18-21

It is like a grain of mustard seed which, taking, a man..It is like leaven which, taking, a woman...

Luke 15:4-10

What man of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave...and go...until he find it? And finding...he calls together friends [masculine] and neighbors, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost." Or what woman having ten drachmas, if she lose one drachma, does not light...and seek...until she finds? And finding she calls together friends [feminine] and neighbors saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the drachma which I lost."

Luke 17:34-35

On this night there will be two on one bed, the one [masculine] will be taken and the other [masculine] will be left. There will be two grinding at the same place, the one [feminine] will be taken and the other [feminine] will be left.

Luke 4¹⁶ And He came to Nazareth..., He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath...¹⁷ And the book of...Isaiah was handed to Him....He 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 RELEASE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED,

¹⁹ TO PROCLAIM THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."

²⁰ And He...sat down..."Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

²² "...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."²⁴ And He said, "Truly, no prophet is welcome in his hometown. [Jesus gives examples of Elijah and Elisha being rejected and going to a Gentile widow and soldier]. ²⁸ And all *the people* were filled with rage... ²⁹ and they... led Him to the brow

of the cliff...in order to throw Him down it.

Mark 6¹ Jesus went out from there and came into His hometown; and His disciples followed Him.² When the Sabbath came, He began to teach in the synagogue; and the many listeners/hearers were astonished, saying, "Where did this man *get* these things, and what is *this* wisdom given to Him, and such miracles as these performed by His hands? ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? Are not His sisters here with us?" And they took offense at Him. ⁴ Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his *own* relatives and in his *own* household." ⁵ And He could do no miracle there except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶ And He wondered at their unbelief.

Matthew 13 ⁵³ When Jesus had finished these parables, He departed from there. ⁵⁴ He came to His hometown and *began* teaching them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, "Where *did* this man *get* this wisdom and *these* ⁵⁵ *miraculous powers*? ⁵⁵ Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary, and His brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? ⁵⁶ And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then *did* this man *get* all these things?" ⁵⁷ And they took offense at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his *own* household." ⁵⁸ And He did not do many^[d] miracles there because of their unbelief.