

Sermon Notes

Jesus' wonderful mission (and why his neighbours hated it)

Luke 4:14-30

Intro: what did Jesus come to do?

Feed the hungry?

Be a moral example?

Heal the sick?

Sort out social injustice?

1. According to Jesus, what is his mission? (4.14-22)

Sent by the Father, equipped by the Spirit in order to:

PROCLAIM

THE GOSPEL

TO THE NEEDY

E.g Luke
4:42-44

Q: what is the 'good news/gospel'?

In Isaiah: = the Lord is coming to save from sin
(40:9, 52:7ff)

In Luke: = the Lord is coming to save from sin
(1:19, 2:10, 3:18)

Q: Who are the needy? ('poor' / 'captives' / 'blind' / 'oppressed')?

In Isaiah: = those trapped in sin and its consequences

In Luke: = partners in a fishing business & lepers (5:1-14); paralytic
& tax collector (5:17-32); blind beggar & rich Zacchaeus (18:35-19:10)

2. So why did his neighbours want to kill him?! (4.23-30)

a) Sense of entitlement that this local boy should do things for them...?
23-24

b) ...evidenced by outrage at his plan to bless "less-deserving" nations
25-30

Conclusion: this is Luke-Acts (and history ever since) in a nutshell!

The task: spread good news of Jesus' sin-saving lordship to all nations

The expectation? Those accepting their need respond, hostility if not!