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“No Home Field Advantage”

Luke 4:16-30

What Jesus Did and Did Not Say

Announcing a Jubilee Year in His Nazareth homecoming sermon: see Leviticus 25

Jesus is pointing to Jubilee in its fullest sense of freedom granting: John 8:31-36

The conspicuous absence of “binding up the broken hearted”

Also leaving out the “day of vengeance” is not good for a people under the thumb of Rome

Good news, bad news vibe

I have come to bring an amazing freedom, but it will disappoint your current expectations

What the Nazareth Hometown Folks Must Have Been Thinking

The Nazareth folks don’t seem to notice the disappointment: 4:22

The hometown may have been under the expectation of special treatment ahead

Stories of Jesus’ exploits had preceded Him: 4:23

Jesus moves to correct the assumption of “favorites in the kingdom”

“Physician, heal yourself” describes the mindset of the insider getting first dibs

His message was more severe than “you will need to share me with others”

His example of the Sidonian widow and the Naman the Syrian: the gentiles are ahead of you

Why? Matthew (13:58) and Mark (6:6) give us a clue: unbelief

This unbelief was not that He couldn’t do miracles: they were expecting some of that!

They defined Him on their terms (see Mark 6:3) “He is one of us”

This is similar to the “who is my Mother and brothers scene” in Mark 3:21, 31-35, John 7:5

Implying two things: placing limits on what Jesus can and cannot do

Placing an obligation on Jesus: He owes us this or that

Passing through the midst: see Exodus 14:22; Numbers 33:8; Nehemiah 9:11; Psalm 136:14

The story casts the “inside” Nazareth folks as the epitome of “outside” Egyptians!

The Belief that Jesus Responds To

The Syrophonecian woman: “even the dogs get scraps under the children’s table”: Matt 15:27

The Centurion: “Don’t come to my house, just say the word”: Matt 8:8

Making sure we ourselves avoid the unbelief of the Nazareth homeowners

Not placing limits on Jesus (clue: using the word “can’t”)

Not obligating Jesus (clue: using the word “should”)

Hebrew Isaiah 61:1-2	Jesus in Luke 4:18-19	Septuagint Isaiah 61:1-2
<p>The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to poor;</p> <p>he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,</p> <p>to proclaim liberty to the captives,</p> <p>and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; or, opening (of the eyes) to the blind</p>	<p>The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives</p> <p>and recovering of sight to the blind,</p> <p>to set at liberty those who are oppressed,</p>	<p>The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me; he has sent me to preach glad tidings to the poor,</p> <p>to heal the broken in heart,</p> <p>to proclaim liberty to the captives,</p> <p>and recovery of sight to the blind;</p> <p>-----</p>
<p>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,</p> <p>and the day of vengeance of our God;</p> <p>to comfort all who mourn;</p>	<p>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>to declare the acceptable year of the Lord,</p> <p>and the day of recompense;</p> <p>to comfort all that mourn;</p>