

WELCOME TO ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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March-May 2020: JESUS THE MESSIAH

Unit 21: JESUS AMONG THE PEOPLE

04/10 – Jesus Reveals His Power (Mark 1)

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***HIGHLIGHTS FROM
LAST WEEK...***

SESSION AT A GLANCE

The entire Biblical record has as its ultimate goal the **revelation** of the heart and mind of God to us as our **Creator** and **Redeemer**: **His lordship**, **His holiness**, and **His love**. In last week's session we saw how Jesus revealed **His power** (lordship), **His purpose** as He taught and performed miracles with authority (holiness), but also displayed **His compassion** (love) as the Son of God, the One who has the power to proclaim and provide salvation.

JESUS REVEALS HIS POWER (Mark 1:21-42)

Mark 1:21-28 – And the unclean spirit...came out of him. *And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."*

Mark 1:35-38 – ...*He departed and went out to a desolate place, and there He prayed.* And He said to them, *"Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out."*

Mark 1:39-42 – And a leper came to Him, imploring him, and kneeling said to Him, *"If you will, you can make me clean."* Moved with pity, *He stretched out His hand and touched him and said to him, "I will; be clean."*

TODAY...

UNIT 21

JESUS AMONG THE PEOPLE

Session 2 – Jesus Reveals His Mission

1. Jesus Declared He is the Messiah of Isaiah's Prophecy (Luke 4:16-22)
2. Jesus Predicted He Would be Rejected Like the Prophets (Luke 4:23-27)
3. Jesus Continued His Ministry Despite the People's Rejection (Luke 4:28-31)

SESSION AT A GLANCE

In this session we will consider how Jesus fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy of the Messiah and how the people rejected Him. Ultimately, the rejection shown in His hometown of Nazareth would culminate in His rejection by the people at the crucifixion. The way Jesus faced rejection can motivate us to continue to persevere in our mission to proclaim salvation through Christ even when we face rejection, including by those closest to us.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

What prophecies have been foretold about modern-day believers in Christ?

What are some ways the good news of Jesus addresses suffering in the world today?

What doubts might arise in our own hearts as we consider the claims of Christ?

What comfort and encouragement should we take from the fact that Jesus passed through the crowd unharmed?

1. JESUS DECLARED HE IS THE MESSIAH OF ISAIAH'S PROPHECY (Luke 4:16-22)

Luke 4:16 And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as was His custom, He went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and He stood up to read.

Luke 4:17 And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to Him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

Luke 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

1. JESUS DECLARED HE IS THE MESSIAH OF ISAIAH'S PROPHECY (Luke 4:16-22 cont'd)

Luke 4:19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.**

Luke 4:20 And He rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him.

Luke 4:21 *And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."*

Luke 4:22 And all spoke well of Him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from His mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"

* Isaiah 61:1-2

Now He began His discourse thus, “This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

This, which Isaiah wrote by way of prophecy, I have now read to you by way of history.” It now began to be fulfilled in

Christ's entrance upon His public ministry; now, in the report they heard of

His preaching and miracles in other places; now, in His preaching to them in their own synagogue.

- Matthew Henry

FILL IN THE BLANKS

P. 107 – God Is Omniscient: God's knowledge is complete, and as He is outside of time, He has known from all eternity whatever will come to pass.

2. JESUS PREDICTED HE WOULD BE REJECTED LIKE THE PROPHETS (Luke 4:23-27)

Luke 4:23 And He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well."

Luke 4:24 And He said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown.

Luke 4:25 But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land,

2. JESUS PREDICTED HE WOULD BE REJECTED LIKE THE PROPHETS (Luke 4:23-27 cont'd)

Luke 4:26 and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.*

Luke 4:27 And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” **

* See: 1 Kings 17:9-24

** See: 2 Kings 5:1-14

“Jesus implicitly put Himself in the same category of authority as the Old Testament prophets Elijah and Elisha (vs. 25-27). Also, by highlighting God’s ministry to Gentiles through these prophets – having sent Elijah to meet the needs of a widow living outside Israel and having brought a foreign general to Elisha for healing – Jesus underscored His intention to fulfill God’s mission of extending the offer of salvation to all people (i.e., including Gentiles among the poor, the captives, the blind, and the oppressed; vs. 18-19). As the Jews had rejected the prophets of the Old Testament, so the infuriated Jews rejected Jesus in His hometown synagogue (vs. 28-30).”

- Tamra Hernandez, “Luke”
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"You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

- Stephen ([Acts 7:51-53](#))

3. JESUS CONTINUED HIS MINISTRY DESPITE THE PEOPLE'S REJECTION (Luke 4:28-31)

Luke 4:28 When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath.

Luke 4:29 And they rose up and drove Him out of the town and brought Him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw Him down the cliff.

Luke 4:30 But passing through their midst, He went away.

Luke 4:31 *And He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And He was teaching them on the Sabbath,*

FILL IN THE BLANKS

P. 109 – The World Opposed To God: In many instances in Scripture, the term world refers to an active and evil spiritual force that is in direct conflict with God and His kingdom. This evil force operates under Satan's control, displaying the same self-centeredness and deceit that is found within his character. Christians are called to overcome this world of spiritual evil by faith in the Son of God.

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him.

- John 1:10-11

***The rejection started in
Nazareth, but ultimately...***

After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have any word of encouragement for the people, say it." So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said: "Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen. Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation. For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize Him *nor understand the utterances of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning Him.*"

- Acts 13:15-16,26-27

NEXT WEEK

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The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the
love of God, and the communion of the
Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

– *2 Corinthians 13:14*