

Steve Greenberg's Handout, Sunday Morning, August 24, 2025

Week 08: Luke 4:16-44 Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

Luke 4:14-15 Jesus Begins His Galilean Ministry (Matt. 4:1-17); Mark 1:12-15)

Luk 4:14

Jesus came from His time of testing stronger. He continued to walk in the Holy Spirit's power and experienced victory over temptation. Trial causes growth in us, filtered by God

Spirit and power are terms often linked together (Zech 4:6; Mic 3:8; Acts 1:8; 8:19, 10:38; 1 Cor 2:4; 1 Thes 1:5),

Luk 4:15

Mat 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

Isa 52:13 Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently (**act wisely and properly**); He shall be exalted and extolled (**lifted up**) and be very high (**greatly exalted**).

Luke 4:16-30 Jesus Rejected at Nazareth (Matt. 13:54-58; Mark 6:1-6)

Luk 4:16

Jesus custom was to attend services at the synagogue

Mat 2:23 And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

Parallel Passage

Mar 6:1 Then He(**Jesus**) went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him.

Luk 4:17

Jesus reads from Isa. 61:1-2a, but also quotes from Isa. 58:6.

Isa 58:6 "Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke?"

Jesus did not read

Isa 61:2b And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,

The Isaiah passage goes on to describe what Jesus would do at His second coming, not now!

Luk 4:18

Col 1:13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

Isa 11:2 The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

Isa 11:3 His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;

Isa 11:4 But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.

Isa 11:5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

Isa 42:1 "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.

Isa 42:2 He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street.

Isa 42:3 A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth.

Isa 42:4 He will not fail nor be discouraged, Till He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands shall wait for His law."

Luk 4:19

Quote from David Guzik

This seems to describe the Old Testament concept of the year of Jubilee ([Leviticus 25:9-15](#) and following). In the year of Jubilee slaves were set free, debts cancelled, and things set to a new start.

Luk 4:20

Luk 4:21

Luk 4:22

Correlation Passages:

Mar 6:3 "Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him.

Jhn 6:42 And they said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

Luk 4:23

Jesus understood that it is easy to doubt the power and work of God among those who know us best, family.

Correlation Passage:

Mat 11:23 "And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

Luk 4:24

Correlation Passage:

Mar 6:4 But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house."

Mar 6:5 Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them.

Luk 4:25

Jesus gives two examples from the ministries of Elijah and Elisha to show that, when Israel rejects God's prophets, God sends them to the Gentiles.

James 5:17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

Luk 4:26

Luk 4:27

Luk 4:28

Luk 4:29

Correlation Passage:

Jhn 8:37 (Jesus said**) "I know that you are Abraham's descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you.**

Jhn 8:40 "But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this.

Jhn 8:59 Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

Psa 37:32 The wicked watches the righteous, And seeks to slay him.

Luk 4:30

Correlation Passage

Jhn 8:59 Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

Luke 4:31-37 Jesus Casts Out an Unclean Demon (Matt. 13:54–58; Mark 1:21-28, 6:1–6)

Luk 4:31

Mat 4:13 And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali,

Mat 4:14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

Mat 4:15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles:

Mat 4:16 The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned."

Mat 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Luk 4:32

Mat 5:20 "For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 5:28 "But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Mat 5:34 "But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God's throne;

1Cor 2:4 (Paul said) And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

1Cor 2:5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

2Cor 4:2 But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

2Cor 10:4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,

2Cor 10:5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Luk 4:33

Mar 1:23 Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he (demon) cried out,

Mar 1:25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!"

Mar 1:26 And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him.

Mar 1:27 Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him."

Luk 4:34

The demons knew who Jesus was but they do not put their trust in him as savior and Lord, Just like people it is not enough to know about Jesus and who Jesus is, you must allow Him to be your Lord.

Mat 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

Mat 7:22 "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'

Mat 7:23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Mat 8:29 And suddenly they(demon) cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"

Jas 2:19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe--and tremble!

Luk 4:35

Jesus did want the demons to have any creditability

Mar 3:11 And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw Him, fell down before Him and cried out, saying, "You are the Son of God."

Mar 3:12 But He sternly warned them that they should not make Him known.

Act 16:17 This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation."

Act 16:18 And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour.

Luk 4:36

Mat 12:22 Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw.

Mat 12:23 And all the multitudes were amazed and said, "Could this be the Son of David **(the promised Messiah?)**"

Mar 16:17 "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; ...

Luk 4:37

Luke 4:38-39 Peter's Mother-in-Law Healed (Matt. 8:14, 15; Mark 1:29–31)

Luk 4:38

Pray for the sick

James 5:14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

James 5:15 And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

Luk 4:39

Luk 8:23 But as they sailed He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water, and were in jeopardy.

Luk 8:24 And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm.

Luk 8:25 But He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and marveled, saying to one another, "Who can this be? For He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him!"

Luke 4:40-44 Jesus Ministers Throughout Galilee (Matt. 8:16, 17, 23–25; Mark 1:32–39)

Luk 4:40

Notice Jesus spent time with each person to heal them.

Mat 8:16 When evening had come, they brought to Him(Jesus) many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick,

Mat 8:17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities And bore our sicknesses (quote Isaiah 53:4)."

Luk 7:21 And that very hour He cured many of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits; and to many blind He gave sight.

Luk 7:22 Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them.

Luk 7:23 "And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."

Luk 4:41

Jesus deals with many demons

Luk 8:29 For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.

Luk 8:30 Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him.

Luk 8:31 And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.

Luk 8:32 Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them.

Luk 8:33 Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.

Luk 4:42

Luk 4:43

Act 10:38 "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

Jhn 9:4 "I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.

2Tim 4:2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

Luk 4:44

Parallel Passage

Mat 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

Mat 9:35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Jhn 4:34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.

Act 20:24 (**Paul said**) "But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

Jhn 5:39 "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.