

Messiah's Ministry **Isaiah 61:1-2**

I. Isaiah's Prophecy

1. Messiah will be anointed By God – 1
He will be a human, born of a virgin
But the Holy Spirit will fill Him
When He speaks He speaks for God
When He acts He acts with the fullness of God
He is God's Son come to meet man's need
2. Heart of His ministry is to bring God's good news -1
This "good news" is to reconcile sinful humans to a Holy God
To redeem them by the sacrifice of Himself for human sin
To restore all that was lost when man sinned
To give new life to those who are held captive by mortality
Mortality with all of the physical weaknesses
Which finally brings death to the physical body
3. To bring good news to those who are poor – 1
It is those who recognize their poverty who will respond
To bind up the brokenhearted
To proclaim liberty to the captives
Those held in sin under Satan's control
To open the prison to those who are bound
Those who live bound by sinful habits
To give restoration of sight to the blind
4. To proclaim the year of the Lord's favor – 2
Messiah is at the heart of God's plan to restore His creative purpose
God created humans to enjoy fellowship with them
Messiah came as a gift of God's grace so that fellowship can be restored
Through the sacrifice of Christ, God gives eternal life to those who believe
As we saw last week this good news is for all who will hear
To the lowly shepherds and to the wise men who seek the lowly babe

II. Jesus in Nazareth Synagogue – Lk. 4:16-30

1. Jesus read the first 2 verses of this passage
To make a clear distinction between two periods of time
The provision of salvation & restoration now for those who trust In Christ
And the final restoration that comes with Christ's return
2. Rest of Isaiah 61 speaks of God's plan for Israel
When Jesus returns He will set up His kingdom as promised to Israel
But for now they can have fellowship with God by faith in Jesus
3. Good news for Israel is, Messiah has come—4:20-22

He has come to bring salvation through His redemptive work

- They could only think of Messiah establishing Israel's kingdom
Could the supposed son of Joseph be this Messiah
4. Jesus understood their hesitation in believing in Him – 23-24
Hard to think a carpenter's son could be Messiah
 5. But He used the O.T. to speak of God's love for all men— 25-27
God's plan is for His gift be given to Jews and Gentiles
Jesus gave them some examples of this truth
Many needy widows in Israel when Elijah helped a Gentile widow
Many lepers in Israel when Elisha healed Naaman a Syrian
 6. The synagogue filled with hot anger – 28-29
They threw Him out of the synagogue
They led Him to the cliff outside of the city
With a desire to cast Him over the cliff
 7. But Jesus just passed through the crowd & went His way – 30
Did such a move suggest He was more than a man?

III. Messiah's Coming is Twofold

1. God must provide a sacrifice for man's sin
Sacrifice of lambs & animals is not sufficient – Heb. 9:11-12
They were accepted in O.T. as a covering for sin
Until God's Son came as a man to offer Himself
2. This meant that He must suffer and die
Rise again as a sign of God's acceptance
He must ascend into heaven to present Himself as an offering for sin
That is what Jesus declared to those in Nazareth
3. Jesus must come again if He is to rule over Israel
Note, even His disciples did not see this break – Acts 1:6-7
Remember Daniel's 70th week must come for Israel
Tribulation comes before Jesus comes to rule – Rev. 19
4. God decreed 70 weeks to bring Israel's redemption – Dan. 9:24
To finish transgression, to put an end to sin,
To atone for iniquity,
To bring in everlasting righteousness,
To seal both vision and prophet,
To anoint a most holy place.
5. The Tribulation (70th week) must precede Christ's return
This brings the anti-Christ and all that goes with it
After Christ's return we can find many prophecies as one in Isaiah

