

THE MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST

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Luk 4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

Luk 4:17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

Luk 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Joh 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

Joh 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Joh 14:14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*.

Jas 1:6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

Jas 1:7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

Jas 1:8 A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.

INTRODUCTION

1. At the age of 30, Jesus was initiated into His earthly ministry with a 2-fold inauguration.
 - a. Baptized of John in Jordan (Luke 3:21-23).
 - b. Tempted in wilderness (Luke 4:1-13)
 - c. Both are examples to us: "...Tempted in all points...yet without sin..."

2. Jesus ministered to the total need of man.
3. As his ambassadors, our scope of ministry must reach and touch all aspects of man's physical, mental, emotional, & spiritual being.

2Co 5:19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

2Co 5:20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us; we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

THE ESSENCE OF JESUS' MINISTRY

1. The anointing of God's Spirit (Luke 4:18).

- a. The power of a miraculous ministry is outside the realm of the human.

Exo 30:32 Upon man's flesh shall it not be poured, neither shall ye make *any other* like it, after the composition of it: it is holy, *and* it shall be holy unto you.

Exo 30:33 Whosoever compoundeth *any* like it, or whosoever putteth *any* of it upon a stranger, shall even be cut off from his people.

- b. He was anointed with the Holy Ghost & Power (Acts 10:38).

Act 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

- c. If we desire to minister, we must have our temple touched by the Spirit of anointing.

Zec 4:6 Then he answered and spoke unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

- d. Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit after a 40 day fast.

Luk 4:14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee; and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

- e. The Word of God must be mixed with the Spirit.
2Co 3:6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

2. **The Word of God**

- a. "...Anointed me to preach..." (Luke 4:18).
- b. Jesus grasped at every opportunity to preach the Word.

A boat became a pulpit (Luke 5)

He preached on the mountainside, by Jacob's well, a cemetery – anywhere!

- c. The church today must not be confined to a church sanctuary as the only place the Word of God the Word of God can be dispensed. (Acts 20:20) "...Publicly and house to house"
- d. All true ministries must have its foundation in the Word of God.
- e. The Word of God is the sure and solid foundation upon which all things depend.

Isa 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand forever.

Mat 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

3. **A Burden and Compassion:**

- a. One of the characteristics of the ministry of Jesus...His ability to be moved with compassion.

- b. A bitter, hard, harsh ministry will neither move heaven or hell, saint or sinner.
- c. Instances of Jesus being moved with compassion.

Mat 9:36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

Mat 9:37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly *is* plenteous, but the laborers *are* few;

Mat 20:34 So Jesus had compassion *on them*, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

Mat 23:37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *thou* that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under *her* wings, and ye would not!

Mar 1:41 And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth *his* hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.

Luk 7:13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not.

- d. We need a ministry of Compassion

THE PURPOSE OF JESUS' MINISTRY

1. The Physical Healing

- a. "...The Recovering of sight to the blind..." (Luke 4:18).
- b. It is the divine will of God that divine healing be included in the preaching and the message of the gospel.
- c. Divine Healing means "...healing of the body apart from all remedies."

- d. Sin brought sickness – The atonement brought healing.

Isa 53:4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Isa 53:5 But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Exo 15:26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put **none of these diseases** upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: **for *am* the LORD that healeth thee.**

- e. Jesus Christ is the same:
- f. The Order of the Gospel: (1) Salvation first; (2) Healing second

2. **Emotional Healing:**

- a. "...to heal the broken hearted..." (Luke 4:18).
- b. In a world of tattered nerves and torn emotions, There is still a balm in Gilead!

Gilead: Which was famous for it; see Gen 37:25, or rather turpentine or rosin, a gum which drops from pine trees and the like; since balm or balsam grew on this side Jordan, near Jericho and Engedi, and not beyond Jordan, in the land of Gilead; and rosin is good for healing.

- c. Jesus always treated the bruised and broken with tenderness.

Mat 12:20 A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory.

- d. (example) Woman taken in Adultery (John 4:18).

Joh 8:10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

Joh 8:11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

3. **The Spiritual Healing:**

- a. "...to heal the broken hearted..." (Luke 4:18).
- b. Definition of the spiritual life: "The union of man's spirit with God's Spirit."
- c. Results of man's spiritual and moral fall are all around us.
- d. Hospitals, prisons are full. Misery, unhappiness at every turn, Man's spirit is separated from God's Spirit.
- e. Ministry of Jesus is to loose men from the prison of sin. Calvary opened the way to God –Pentecost brought spiritual union between God and man.

CONCLUSION

1. Jesus came to minister to the total man. We, as His church (body), also minister to the total need of man.

1Th 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. **Find a need and heal it; Find a problem and heal it; Find a hurt & heal it.**
3. People are not looking for my Doctrine; people are looking for my Jesus!
4. **God said, don't bind me to the past: Jos 13:1** Now Joshua was old *and* stricken in years; and the LORD said unto him, Thou art old *and* stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.