

Isaiah 61 the Ministry of Jesus

Jesus announces His ministry

Luke 4:14-21 nlt

Then Jesus returned to Galilee, filled with the Holy Spirit's power. Reports about him spread quickly through the whole region. He taught regularly in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures. The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written: **"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord's favor has come."** He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, and sat down. All eyes in the synagogue looked at him intently. Then he began to speak to them. "The Scripture you've just heard has been fulfilled this very day!"

Anointed?

Mashach - set apart by the application of oil - kings and prophets (oil is symbolic of Holy Spirit)

root word of mashiach meaning messiah

Isaiah 61 is Hebrew and therefore the word is meshac

Luke is in Greek so that same word is echrisein from which we get the English word christened and which is the root word of christos from which we get Christ

The one set apart by the application of oil

(You don't have to look up the Greek and Hebrew to read the Bible. But it's cool, right)

But set apart to do what?

Good news to the poor?

Matt 5:3 nasb

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Psalm 73:25 nasb

Whom do I have in heaven but You? And with You, I desire nothing on earth.

Luke 5:1-11 niv

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.” Simon answered, “Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.” When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.” So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Inheriting the Kingdom and having a relationship with God is made possible only by the cross.

To bind up the broken hearted.

Debate over this phrase. Not a big deal.

It's in Isaiah 61:1-3 niv

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. **He has sent me to bind up the**

brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.

As you see, It's in Isaiah 61 and anyway all the other parts of this verse (Luke 4:18) deal with different ways to bind up broken hearts.

Good news to the poor

Captives released

Sight to the blind

Freedom for the oppressed

Year of the Lord's favor

I like that the Hebrew in Isaiah uses the words bind up. It's a healing process.

Isaiah 42:3 esv

a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

Isaiah 53:4-5 esv

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Matt 5:4 esv

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

It is actually a blessing to mourn because we get to experience His comfort that we wouldn't otherwise know

Isaiah 61 again

to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

Part of healing is discovering your identity in Him. Just look at his disciples?

John 16:22-23

22 So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. 23 In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.

Freedom for prisoners?

Was Jesus' followers to be immune from imprisonment?

Gal 3:23 nlt

But the Scriptures declare that we are all prisoners of sin, so we receive God's promise of freedom only by believing in Jesus Christ.

Zechariah 9:11-12

Because of the covenant I made with you, sealed with blood, I will free your prisoners from death in a waterless dungeon. Come back to the place of safety, all you prisoners who still have hope! I promise this very day that I will repay two blessings for each of your troubles.

Rom 8:15-17 niv

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs —heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Barrabbas

Recovery of sight?

This can't be physical, right?

It's is!

Matthew 15:30-31 niv

Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them. The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.

But it can be taken spiritually too.

Rev 3:17-18 niv lukewarm church in laodicea

17 You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. 18 I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

Set the oppressed free?

Romans?

Your unfair boss?

The truth is there will come a day when he ends all oppression just like he did for Israelites who were enslaved in Egypt. But for now...

1. he will convert us from oppressors to healers and lovers. 1 Tim 1:15-16 niv , Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners —of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy **so that in me**, the worst of sinners, **Christ Jesus might display his immense patience** as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. Luke 19:1-10 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who

Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.” But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.” Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

2. He will set us free from the oppression of enemy who oppressed us with guilt, fear, shame, worthlessness, worry, stress, regret, and so on. Which is what we see happened to Paul and Zaccaeus and countless others who encountered Jesus.

To proclaim the year of the lords favor?

What does that mean?

Perhaps too long we've been thinking we're not good enough for God.

From Jesus' own mouth:

John 3:16-18 nkjv

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

How many here have experienced the ministry of Jesus?

But wait! How? He hasn't walked the earth in 2000 years.

Take testimonies.

These 2 questions have the same answer

1) How can people can continue the ministry of Jesus? And 2) How come I still struggle as a Christian? How come I sometimes still feel imprisoned to certain fears or sins? How come I stress over finances? How come I don't walk in the fulness of Christ?

Remember Paul and Zaccaeus?

The answer is this:

Freely you have received, freely give.

Jesus sends out the 12

Matt 10:7-8

Go and announce to them that the Kingdom of Heaven is near. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. Give as freely as you have received!

(side note: Jesus called Judas to do this)

Acts 3:1-9, 16 nlt

Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service. As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money. Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, "Look at us!" The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!" Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them. All the people saw him walking and heard him praising God.

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“Through faith in the name of Jesus, this man was healed—and you know how crippled he was before. Faith in Jesus’ name has healed him before your very eyes.

What did they receive that they were able to give such extraordinary things?

2 Cor 5:16-21 niv

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

What was received here in order to give? sight, the passing of the old them, a new life, reconciliation, forgiveness, and mission
Note it essentially says that we can take on Jesus’ ministry of reconciliation because we have received his ministry of reconciliation.

John 17:18-23 NIV Jesus prays

18 As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. 19 For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. 20 “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— 23 I in them and you in me—so that

they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

We are sent out on a mission. What are we given? The love shared between the Trinity, the unity experienced in the Trinity, the very glory of God ..for the purpose of giving what you get in order to make Jesus famous!

John 20:21-23

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

you can forgive because you are forgiven

1 John 4:19 we love because he first loved us

2 Cor 1:3-4

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

we comfort because we received comfort

It is a daily, even hourly choice to freely receive. What happens if we don't choose to receive from God each day. Or if we never receive certain things to begin with.

Let's look back at the mission of Jesus from Isaiah 61

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How to be saved

John 5:24 NLT

“I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.