



great expectations



What can we expect with Christ's message?

Principle one:

Christ's message will make a _____.
Luke 4:18a-b; 4:19

Application one:

As Christ's followers we must _____.

Principle two:

Christ's message will offer _____.
Luke 4:18c-21

Application two:

As Christ's followers we must _____.

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Principle three:

Christ's message will bring _____.
Luke 4:22-30

Application three:

As Christ's followers we must _____.

TAKE HOME TRUTH

Christ's _____ is _____
to our ears. Luke 4:21

Simple ways to share the message...

A. Write out your _____

B. Attend our SYF _____

C. Pray for _____

Today's Core Belief:

Jesus Christ: "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin – that He suffered, was crucified and buried, but rose on the third day, after which He ascended into heaven where He sits at the Father's right hand." (from Hebrews 1:3)



Deeper Connection Study

This next section in Luke's gospel (4:14-9:50) describes Jesus' unique ministry of teaching and performing miracles. It forces the reader to consider who Jesus is. In this part of chapter four, Jesus is in his hometown synagogue teaching from Isaiah 61:1-2. It becomes quite evident that Jesus does not have the status of favorite son in his own town.

Today's Core Belief discussed: Jesus Christ.

Read Luke 4:14-30 (cf. Matt. 13:54-58; Mark 6:1-6)

1. Why does Jesus say the promise of Isaiah 61:1-2 has been fulfilled (vv. 18-21)? How does it reveal Jesus' mission?
2. What do the townspeople of Nazareth believe about Jesus (vv. 22-23; cf. Isa. 53:3)? Why do they have this view of him (cf. Matt. 13:54-56)?
3. Why is a prophet without honor in his own land (v. 24; cf. Matt. 13:57)? How can this be true today?
4. What two historical events does Jesus cite and why do his words incite wrath from his audience (vv. 23-29)? Does Jesus expect this reaction? Why or why not?
5. Why do people even today take offense at Jesus? What causes them to disregard his identity, authority, and message?
6. Have you ever become too familiar with Jesus in the sense of discounting some of the things he says or taking him for granted? How do your assumptions about Jesus show a lack of faith?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Praise God that he has revealed his kingdom plan through Jesus Christ. Give Jesus the praise and honor due to him. Pray for your faith in Christ to grow and your relationship with him to be deeper and more personal.

21st Century Jesus

Luke 4:14-30



At different times each of us have had a great expectation. It may have been waiting with an exuberant expectation for a much needed summer vacation. It might have been an excited expectation for a special Christmas present that had been requested. Possibly it was an anxious expectation when there was hope that the test results would be encouraging. As you consider your latest expectation what were you feeling in that season of waiting? Were you calm? Were you confident? Did you feel hopeful or did you feel uncertain? Over two-thousand years ago there was an entire nation that was waiting anxiously for a Messiah. Some had lost hope, while others remained steadfast. When Jesus arrived on the scene he declared that their waiting was over and their expectations were about to be met. Do you think that is still true today? Do you believe that Jesus' message meets our expectations even in the 21st century?