



Unit 21, Session 2

Jesus Taught in Nazareth

Luke 4

Story Point: Jesus taught that He is the Messiah.

Jesus went to the town of Nazareth. On the Sabbath day, Jesus went to the synagogue in Nazareth. Jesus stood up to read Scripture. He unrolled the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and read: “The Spirit of the Lord is on Me. He has chosen Me to tell good news to the poor. He has sent Me to tell the captives that they are free, to tell the blind that they can see, to free people who have been treated badly, and to announce that the Lord’s favor is on us.” Then Jesus sat down.

Jesus said, “Today as you listened to Me reading these words, they came true.”

The people said good things about Jesus, and they were amazed at Him. But some of the people in Nazareth had known Jesus from His youth. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

Jesus said, “No prophet is accepted in

his hometown.” Jesus told the people about times when God used prophets to help people who were not Jews. He reminded them that the prophet Elijah did not help the widows in Israel. Instead, God sent Elijah to help a widow in another land.

The people in the synagogue were angry. They forced Jesus out of town. They wanted to throw Him off a cliff, but Jesus walked right through the crowd and went on His way.

Christ Connection: Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah wrote about God’s plan to send a Messiah. The Messiah would bring good news and redeem people who were broken and hurting. Jesus read Isaiah’s words and announced that He is the promised Messiah.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Look up each Bible reference to fill in where Jesus traveled.

Jesus went to the Passover Festival in _____. (Luke 2:41) Then He went home to _____. (Luke 2:51) Jesus was baptized at the _____ River. (Luke 3:3,21) He began His ministry, and the Holy Spirit led Him into the _____ of Galilee. (Luke 4:1) The devil took Jesus to _____. (Luke 4:9) Jesus returned to _____ (Luke 4:14) and taught in the synagogues. He came to _____ (Luke 4:16) and taught in the synagogue. The people rejected Jesus, and He went on to _____. (Luke 4:31)

- What does this story teach us about God?

- Why did some of the people reject Jesus?

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APPLY the Story

- What made Jesus different than other religious teachers?
- Jesus' promise to help everyone, no matter where they were from, upset the people in Nazareth. What does this tell you about God's heart and man's heart?
- Will Jesus always answer our prayers for healing? Why or why not?

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APPLY the Story

- Find John 3:16 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking Jesus for inviting everyone into God's family even though people rejected Jesus.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 28:18 | <input type="checkbox"/> John 1:46 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Philippians 2:3-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Peter 1:21 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daniel 3:17-18 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 1:1-2 |