

# 30 A.D.

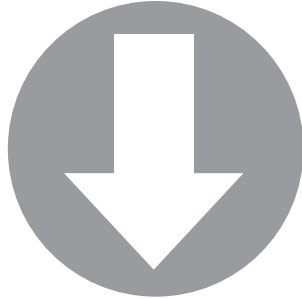
## THE JESUS STORY

Facing Rejection - Going Home to Nazareth

Luke 4:14-30

### CONTEXT – FROM BIG TO SMALL

- 1 Heaven
- 2 Earth
- 3 Israel
- 4 Nazareth
- 5 Local Synagogue



### SHORT, BUT POWERFUL, SERMON (Luke 4:14-21; Isaiah 61:1-2)

- 1 Preach Good News to the poor
- 2 Proclaim freedom for prisoners
- 3 Give recovery of sight to the blind
- 4 Provide relief to the oppressed
- 5 Proclaim the year of the Lord's favor

### YEAR OF JUBILEE (Leviticus 25)

- ▶ Main Purpose - Balancing of the economic system
  - Slaves freed
  - Property returned
  - Debts cancelled

RESPONSE #1 – AMAZEMENT (Luke 4:22a)

RESPONSE #2 – SKEPTICISM (Luke 4:22b-24)

PRINCIPLE #1: \_\_\_\_\_ breeds \_\_\_\_\_.

PRINCIPLE #2: Miracles do not \_\_\_\_\_; they \_\_\_\_\_.

PRINCIPLE #3: People \_\_\_\_\_ truth when it \_\_\_\_\_ them, but \_\_\_\_\_ truth when it \_\_\_\_\_ them.

### FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD... (Luke 4:25-27)

- 1 Elijah and the Phoenician widow (1 Kings 17:7-16)
- 2 Elisha and the Syrian general (2 Kings 5:1-14)

RESPONSE #3 – MURDEROUS ANGER & REJECTION  
(Luke 4:28-30)

RESPONSE #4 – WHAT ABOUT YOU?

▶ **PRAYER OF FAITH:** *Jesus, I take You into my heart right now. I accept You as the eternal Son of God, sent from Heaven to save people like me. Your death on the cross was for me & I fully believe there is no other way to be forgiven & saved, but through complete faith & surrender to You. So that is what I am doing this morning. I am asking that You to come into my life as my Lord & Savior. Amen.*

## LifeGroup Questions - Doing Life Together

Week of February 4-10, 2018

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### *Facing Rejection - Going Home to Nazareth*

Sermons can be viewed online at [creeksideeg.com/sermon](http://creeksideeg.com/sermon)

Questions are based on the NIV translation of the Bible

#### PRAYER

Begin your time in prayer expressing gratitude for one another.

#### MY STORY

1. What did you like best about the town or city where you grew up?

#### DIGGING DEEPER

2. In the message this past Sunday, what point or principle gave you new insight into Jesus being the Messiah?
  - Verse 14 -
  - Verse 22 -
  - Verse 28 -
  - Verse 29 -
3. Read Luke 4:14-30. In one word or phrase, describe the people's attitude toward Jesus in the following verses. What caused their attitude to change so dramatically?
  - Verse 14 -
  - Verse 22 -
  - Verse 28 -
  - Verse 29 -
4. Again, read Luke 4:18-19. These verses are a quote from Isaiah 61:1-2 which the people understood to be about the Messiah. What do you think went through their minds when Jesus said, "Today, this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Why was it difficult for people in Jesus' hometown of Nazareth to see Jesus as the Messiah?
5. What did Jesus mean when He said in verse twenty-three, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me, 'Physician, heal thyself. Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum?'"
6. Share an experience in your life when you were rejected for your faith or perhaps when those who have known you since you were a child had trouble seeing who you are today.

7. Read Matthew 5:43-44; Romans 12:14; and 1 Corinthians 4:12-13a. What do these verses exhort Christ-followers to do when they experience persecution and rejection?

#### DIGGING EVEN DEEPER

8. Read Luke 4:25-29. Jesus clearly upset (maybe even scandalized) His audience in Nazareth by giving two big "outsider" (non-Jewish) illustrations about faith and how God helped these "outsiders." What do you think is the point Christ is making? How does this point affect us today?

#### APPLICATION

9. What is your attitude toward Jesus today? Put a check next to the description below that best describes your present attitude. Why are you where you are in your attitude? Would you like your attitude to be different than it is? Explain.

\_\_\_\_\_ deep adoration/love

\_\_\_\_\_ skepticism/unsure/cautious

\_\_\_\_\_ anger/distrust

10. Have any of the following "hard sayings" of Jesus made it hard for you to follow Him? Explain.

**Luke 6:46** "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"

**Matthew 16:24** Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

#### TAKING IT HOME

11. If you have never invited Jesus to be your Lord and Savior, why not do it today? Here is a prayer you can pray:

Lord, I need You. Thank You for being the Messiah who died for my sin so that I could live. I place my trust in You as my Lord and Savior. I give myself to You and choose to follow You. Help me, Lord. AMEN

#### PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for the needs of your group and ask God to help you trust Him completely as the Messiah.