

Jesus...In the Gospel of Luke

Perseverance When Rejected!

Luke 4:16-30

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Bottom Line:

Rejection and attacks will come for taking a stand for Jesus but the key is to keep moving forward and growing in your walk with Jesus...it's always worth it!

1. The amazing "fulfillment" statements of Jesus highlight His importance! Luke 4:14-21
John 5:39; 2 Corinthians 1:20

The prophets pointed to Him.
The priesthood pointed to Him.
The sacrifices pointed to Him.
The temple pointed to Him.
The covenants pointed to Him.

Jesus is the fulfillment of God's redemptive plan.

When feeling rejected and condemned, the antidote is always finding your strength and worth in Christ....

CONDEMNED?	COMPASSION
HOPE IN CHRIST	NO ONE BEYOND GOD'S GRACE
FORGIVENESS	NO SIN TOO BIG TO FORGIVE
ACCEPTANCE	EACH ONE IS SOMEONE JESUS DIED FOR
LOVE & CHANGE	PURPOSE IN THE CONTEXT OF TRUTH
RESTORATION	TRANSFORMATION

2. Jesus' "tough love" confrontation of the pride that keeps people from the Truth! Luke 4:22-27; John 1:11

Their familiarity became a stumbling block.
Jesus quotes a common proverb:

Luke 4:23

"Physician, heal yourself."

In other words:

"If you're really the Messiah, prove it."

They wanted signs that would bless them materially and thereby bypass the spiritual needs they had.
Miracles without submission to Christ.
Blessings from God without the faith.

Jesus reveals that His Kingdom has always been open to all and that God's salvation blessings are poured out when one comes to the Lord with a humble heart!

Luke 4:25-28

3. Jesus sees right into our hearts and identifies our greatest need – to humbly accept Him.

Luke 4:24-30; 2 Corinthians 6:2

The greatest danger is delayed obedience:
Many people intend to follow Jesus someday.

Someday they will repent.

Someday they will surrender.

Someday they will believe.

Yet Scripture continually calls for a response today.

Now What?

1. Commit yourself to Jesus, the Voice of Truth, and not the deception of the crowds.
2. Dedicate yourself to pleasing Jesus and not pleasing the crowd, it's always worth it.
3. Realize Jesus knows your heart, be very sure you have placed your faith and trust in Him.