

Luke Chapter 4

V: 1 Jesus “being full of the Holy Spirit” - when was He ever not? It didn’t just happen at His baptism, while there was a physical manifestation of this with the Holy Spirit descending upon Him like a dove - He had always ever been full of the Holy Spirit as part of His triune nature.

1 John 5:7 “For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.”

- Returning from the Jordan River, being led by the Spirit into the wilderness. Probably the Judean wilderness just West of the Dead Sea.
- Jesus’ life and ministry are intertwined with the Holy Spirit.
- Luke presents the humanity of Jesus, and while He was fully God – He was at the same time fully man. He didn’t set aside His deity, just His glory - to be like us – taking on the limitations of man kind to set an example for us to follow. In that sense Jesus was just a man – able to live a sinless faith filled life being empowered by the Holy Spirit.
- Deity cloaked in humanity.

Philippians 2:6-8 “⁶Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: ⁷But made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled / emptied Himself and became obedient to the point of death even the death of the cross.”

- Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit. (Baptized in Holy Spirit / public ministry)

V: 2 To be tempted / tested by the Devil. Why? - 3 reasons.

1. For our sakes & benefit, giving us an example to follow.

1 Corinthians 10:13 “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to hear it.”

2. To relate to us.

Hebrews 4:15 “For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”

Paul would later write:

Romans 15:18 “For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed.”

3. It was the Father’s will. Jesus was led by the Spirit.

John 4:34 “Jesus said to them, My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work.”

John 6:38 “For I came down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him that sent Me.”

- Sometimes the Spirit leads us to hard places – but always to accomplish His purposes, to accomplish something good.
- Jesus was out there for 40 days, 40 is the number of judgment in the Bible. It rained 40 days and 40 nights during the flood, Moses was up on the mountain 40 days receiving the Law, 40 years in the wilderness waiting for the unfaithful generation to pass away, 40 lashes.
- A time of fasting, and no doubt praying, after which naturally He was hungry – because He was fully man, men get hungry.

V: 3 **1st temptation:** Often this is when Satan makes his approach in our lives, when we’re tired and hungry.

- It is not so much “if” but “since” you are the Son of God – showing contempt.
- Command – show me a sign, a wonder, a trick.

On another occasion:

Matthew 12:39 “But He answered and said to them, an evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it but the sign of the prophet Jonah.”

- **Bread, hunger, physical need = Lust of the flesh** – Eve / tactics of the enemy.

1 John 2:15-17 “¹⁵Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. ¹⁷And the world is passing away, and the lust of it: but he that does the will of God abides forever.”

- Satan is suggesting: **use your spiritual powers to feed your physical needs. Let the Spirit serve the flesh, let the Spirit be in subjection to the flesh.** Subordinate the Spiritual to the fleshly.

- The Bible teaches us that the life of the Spirit, and in the Spirit is what is important, more important than the life of / in the flesh.

Jesus tells us:

Matthew 6:31-32a “³¹Therefore take no thought, saying, what shall we eat? Or what shall we drink? Or what shall we wear?” ³²For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:....”

- That is what the world does, yielding to the mind of the flesh. Jesus wants us to have the mind of the Spirit.

Matthew 6:32b-33 “³²... for your heavenly Father knows that you have need of all these things. ³³But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

V: 4 Jesus responds to this temptation with the word of God, quoting Deuteronomy.

Deuteronomy 8:3 “It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”

- Describing a total dependency upon God’s word.

Job 23:12 “Neither have I gone back from the commandment of His lips; I have esteemed the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.”

Psalms 119:11 “Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee.”

Galatians 5:16 “If you walk in the Spirit and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”

- Allowing God to direct and guide our lives, walking after the Spirit and the things of the Spirit. Allowing the Spirit to rule over the flesh.
- Determining to place our trust in the Word of God and to live after the Spirit.

V: 5-7 **2nd Temptation: the lust of the eyes.**

(Luke records the temptations of Jesus in a slightly different order than in Matthew.)

- Three temptations, the same as with Eve in the garden of Eden. **Genesis 3:6**

1. **Lust of the flesh: body.**
2. **Lust of the eyes: soul.**
3. **Pride of life: spirit.**

- It was / is Satan’s to give, no dispute given.
- God gave dominion of the world to Adam who in turn gave dominion to Satan through his decision to follow him.

- Satan wants to be worshipped.

Isaiah 14:12-14 “¹²How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! ¹³For you have said in your heart: I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; ¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.”

- Satan is speaking to Jesus, a creation speaking to the creator, there is no authority there.

Romans 9:20-21 “²⁰But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, “Why have you made me like this?” ²¹Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?”

Isaiah 45:9 “Woe to him that strives with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to Him that fashioned it, what are you making? Or shall your handiwork say, He has no hands?”

- As we place ourselves under God’s authority, Satan has no authority over us.

1 Corinthians 7:22-23 “²²For he who is called while a slave? Do not be concerned about it; but if you can be made free, rather use it. ²³For he who is called in the Lord while a slave is the Lord’s freedman. Likewise he who is called while free is Christ’s slave.”

- Satan only has what authority we give him.

2 Peter 2:19 “While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage.”

- That is why we are bond servants of Jesus – we are overcome by Him!
- Why did Jesus put up with Satan’s temptations? He saw beyond the trial to glory.

Hebrews 12:2 “Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Satan’s lie: happiness & fulfillment apart from the cross.

- Ours is a culture of instant gratification. Benefits w/o work or sacrifice. The fast food industry is built on it, so is the lottery.

1. Bench press 500 pounds? Willing to work out every day?
 2. Quote any scripture at will? Willing to study the Bible 3-4 hours a day?
 3. Play the guitar? Willing to practice and practice?
- The deal: All will be Yours - it's going to be anyway! (Not much temptation there!)

V: 8 *“Get behind Me, Satan!”*

- Same as the rebuke of Peter / Satan in Matthew 16, same reason / tactic – circumventing the will of God - don't go to the cross.

Matthew 16:21-23 *“²¹From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. ²²Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!” ²³But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.”*”

- Satan, through Peter – sought to have Jesus avoid the cross, which is what Satan is suggesting here as well.
- Jesus responds: *“For it is written...”*
- Quoting **Deuteronomy 6:13, 10:20**.
- It's not the mere quotation of the scriptures that drives Satan away, it's the willingness to obey and do it!
- Jesus fought this battle in the “Spirit”.

2 Corinthians 10:4 *“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but might in God for pulling down strongholds.”*

Ephesians 6:10-18 *“¹⁰Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God; ¹⁸praying always with all prayer and supplication*”

in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.”

V: 9 3rd Temptation: The pride of life. (1 John 2:16)

- Brought Him to Jerusalem to the pinnacle of the Temple, and to the pinnacle of power, the best place for Jesus to showcase His power and deity.
- Satan is suggesting that Jesus reveal Himself as the Son of God at the Temple of God – thus circumventing the need for the cross, and removing the need for faith.
- If there was no suffering or death on the cross then there would be no remission of our sins and there would be no resurrection!

V: 10-11 Satan misquotes & takes away from the scripture.

Psalm 91:11-12 “¹¹For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. ¹²They shall bear you up in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.”

- He leaves “to keep you in all your ways” out of **Psalm 91:11-12.** - Compare -
- So you have faith in the Word? Prove it! Do something spectacular!

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- The enemy’s tactics have not changed from the beginning:

Genesis 3:1-6 “¹Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, yea, has God indeed said. *(questioning the word)* you shall not eat of every tree of the garden? *(Misquoting the word of God, making God to be unreasonable)* ²And the woman said to the serpent, we may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: ³But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, you shall not eat of it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die. *(Eve, mis-quoting / adding to the word of God)* ⁴Then the serpent said to the woman, you shall not surely die: *(contradicting the word of God)* ⁵For God knows that in the day you eat of it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” *(Blaspheming God’s character and intentions)*

⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, *(lust of the flesh)* that it was pleasant to the eyes, *(lust of the eyes)* and a tree desirable to make one wise, *(pride of life)* she took of it’s fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her; and he ate.”

Tactics of the enemy:

1. Questioning the Word of God.
2. Mis-quoting the Word of God.
3. Contradicting the Word of God.
4. Blaspheming God.

V: 12 Jesus responds again; “... *it has been said...*” / ... “*it is written*” (Matthew)

Quoting

Deuteronomy 6:16 “You shall not tempt the Lord your God...”

Psalm 119:165 “Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them / cause them to stumble.”

1 Corinthians 2:12-13 “¹²Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. ¹³Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Spirit teaches; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.”

- Comparing scripture with scripture, the whole counsel, looking at in context, a consistent message.
- There are many people who have built doctrines upon portions of scripture.
- If you take a scripture out of its context, you can give it an entirely different meaning.

Acts 20:27-28 “²⁷For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Take heed therefore to yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He has purchased with His own blood.”

2 Timothy 2:15 “Study to show yourself approved of God, a workman that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.”

V: 13 Matthew’s Gospel states that Jesus dismissed Satan, sent him away. Theoretically our Lord could have done this from the beginning and bypassed the whole thing. Why didn’t He?

1. As an example for us to follow.

1 Corinthians 11:1 “Imitate / follow me, just as I also imitate / follow Christ.”

2. For us to be able to relate to Him and or vice versa.

Hebrews 4:15 “For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”

James 4:7 “... Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

- The Word of God is our sure defense.
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Summary / Choice:

Responding to the issues of life either in the Spirit or in the flesh.

Galatians 5:16 “This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”

Paul's prayer:

Ephesians 3:16 “that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man.”

- There is a one year gap between verse 13 & 14. Jesus first ministered in Judea, which is recorded in the Gospel of John in chapters 2 & 3.

V: 14-15 Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit. Still walking in the spirit, having successfully denied the lust of the flesh – victorious over sin once again.

Psalm 1:1-3 “¹Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the un-godly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful. ²But his delight is in the law of the Lord and in his law does he meditate day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth His fruit in His season, His leaf shall not wither; and whatever He does shall prosper.”

- This is His season!
- After a spiritual victory we have to be careful not to let down our guard, the enemy doesn't always leave and that opportune time might be closer than you think.
- Jesus is still the spotless lamb, still without sin. Innocent, and righteous.
- Man was created innocent, without the knowledge of sin – but not righteous.
- Righteousness is the ability to maintain innocence in the face of or in the presence of temptation. Jesus did that and He is righteous.

Hebrews 4:15 “For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”

1 John 2:1 “My little children, these things I write to you, that you may not sin. And if any man sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”

- Jesus’ reputation began to spread as He engaged in His public ministry, particularly as He taught in the synagogues.
- Jesus made it a point to be in the synagogue on the Sabbath, a good example for us to follow. He didn’t necessarily go to receive, He went to give of Himself, to teach, and to help others.

Hebrews 10:25 “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more as you see the day approaching.”

- Do you think that the rabbis taught Jesus anything? No, He already knows everything, but He went anyway.

Hebrews 2:12 “I will declare Your name to My brethren, in the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You.” (KJV, Ekklesia / church)

- Josephus records that there were 204 cities in the Galilee region with a population of 20,000 people or more – that means there were approximately 3 million people in that area.

V: 16 Jesus walks into His hometown synagogue – and as was His custom He stood to read.

- Typical Jewish synagogue service:
 1. Invocation for God’s blessing.
 2. Recite the traditional Hebrew confession of faith.



Deuteronomy 6:4-5 “⁴Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: ⁵And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might...”

- Jesus is not shy when it comes to the Word of God – as Paul said:

Romans 1:16 “For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”

V: 17 As a visiting Rabbi it was customary to have them read and expound on the scheduled reading of the day. So they handed Him the Isaiah scroll – When He opened or un-rolled the scroll, reading from right to left.

- When Jesus began to read it wasn't just Bible roulette as some Christians do – the Jews had a reading schedule that they still adhere to today – specific passages on specific days.
- Jesus was fulfilling His role as the Good Shepherd who tends to and feeds His sheep.

Isaiah 40:11 “He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young.”

V: 18-20 Jesus is reading **Isaiah 61:1-2**, a Messianic prophecy that is describing a present reality – the Spirit had led Jesus into the wilderness, and had sustained Him there and strengthened Him through temptation, He's walking in the Spirit – and now He's teaching through the providence of the Holy Spirit.

Psalms 45:7 “You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions.”

“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the Gospel...”

V: 18 To the poor, poor in spirit, brokenhearted, broken and contrite over their sin, to the captives, slaves to sin that can't free themselves, to the blind - to those who just can't see it, blind even to their own sin, and to the oppressed / bruised, those that have been wounded by the enemy, isn't that us, isn't that our world today?

Isaiah 42:6-7 “⁶I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness and will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, as a light to the Gentiles, ⁷to open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the prison, those who sit in darkness from the prison house.”

V: 19-20 “*The acceptable year of the Lord*” - refers to the year of Jubilee (**Leviticus 25**) the year when everything is set right, everyone is released, property is returned.

- As Jesus reads, He stops short – He didn't complete the passage.
- Jesus is reading from Isaiah 61:1-2

Isaiah 61:1-2 “¹The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me; because the Lord has anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he has sent Me to bind up the

broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; ²to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn.”

- Jesus sat down and everyone’s eyes were on Him.
- The custom then was that the teacher sat down and the students stood. When Jesus sit’s down that is an indication that He is now ready to teach – and with everyone’s eyes on Him, He has their attention.
- Another reason why they were looking at Him was that He didn’t seemingly finish the passage, leaving the last part about vengeance off because it wasn’t time for that just yet.

Isaiah 63:4 “For the day of vengeance is in My heart, and the year of My redeemed has come.”

V: 21-22 As Jesus announces that “*Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing*” – He is telling them that He is the One fulfilling this Messianic prophecy, He is the Messiah.

Hebrews 10:7 “Lo, I come in the volume of the book, it is written of Me.”

- At the same time they are all blown away at the gracious teaching.
- All they’ve known is the Law of Moses – now they are hearing about God’s grace.

John 1:17 “For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.”

- Is this not Joseph’s son – isn’t this that same kid...

V: 23-30 Jesus’ reputation was growing, the people in Nazareth had heard about the miracles in Capernaum – and wanted to see the same things.

- Sometimes familiarity breeds contempt – sometimes it goes that way for a prophet in his home town.
- Jesus predicts that they will demand a sign or miracle.

Matthew 13:58 “Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.”

- The Jews were and still are very nationalistic, very patriotic – as Jesus uses two illustrations that reveal how the prophets of God when they were rejected by their

own people, Israel, how God then worked through the Gentiles, the Zidonian widow, and the Assyrian general their pride is pricked, their wrath is aroused, and they want to kill Jesus.

- There is just outside of Nazareth a very steep cliff referred to as “the precipice” – the people at this point wanted to kill Jesus – a foretaste of things to come.



Church of the enunciation over Biblical Nazareth. Announcement.

- They took Him up to this place with the intent of throwing Him off the cliff to His death, but he eluded their attempt and heads back to Capernaum.

Augustine: *“People love the truth when it enlightens them, but hate the truth when it accuses them.”*

V: 31-32 Jesus goes down to Capernaum, which was His Galilee CP.



- Jesus is teaching on the Sabbath day, meaning in the synagogue – and they are astonished – there was power in His word.

Hebrews 4:12 “For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

- Remembering also that ¹Jesus is full of the Spirit, being led by the Spirit, ¹⁴He’s walking in the power of the Spirit, and ¹⁸the Spirit of the Lord is upon Him.
- Jesus spoke with authority; He didn’t hide behind other rabbi’s or scholars which was the common practice of the day – “**you have heard it said, but I say unto you...**”
- Jesus is our example, and we have access to that same power, to walk and move in the power of the Holy Spirit, just as Jesus did.

John the Baptist testified:

Luke 3:16 “John answered, saying to all, I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire.”

Acts 1:8 “But you shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and you shall be witnesses of Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

“... His word was with power.

At one point the chief priests and Pharisees had ordered Jesus to be arrested:

John 7:45-46 “⁴⁵Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, Why have you not brought Him?” ⁴⁶The officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this Man!”

V: 33-37 Sadly, in the same way we see unclean spirits in the church today.

- On this occasion Jesus encounters a demon possessed man – who cried out when he saw Jesus. Light reveals darkness, it repels darkness, there is always a violent confrontation – and light always wins.
- *“Let us alone”* – get away from me! Leave me alone! – That is the cry of hell, let us alone, I don’t want to hear it, let us alone.
- This unclean spirit recognized Jesus and is silenced and rebuked. (Muzzled)

James 2:19 “You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe - and tremble!”

- In that day demon possession was a fairly common occurrence and there were exorcists, just as there are today. They had their incantations, their rituals, and all the things they went through – Jesus just said the word – He had the authority to say it – and it happened.

Hebrews 1:3 “Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the Word of His power.”

- He could just say it, and it happened, because there is power in His Word.
- We see His fame and His reputation growing. (CC Monterey)

V: 38-39 Short distance.



- Excavations reveal that the 2nd century synagogue was built directly on top of synagogue of Jesus’ day, and that there is a large house close by – Peter & Andrew’s house.



- Advocates of a celibate priesthood find little comfort in this verse because Peter was married.
- When we take the word of God from the church to our home, healing takes place.
- They prayed, God heard and Simon’s mother in law was healed, and she ministered.

“They made request / they asked”

James 4:2 "... you have not, because you ask not..."

V: 40-41 As darkness was approaching, the sun going down: now the Sabbath was ended and people were allowed to move freely. Many came to be healed or to have demons driven out – which He did.

- He healed every one of them!

Angel Gabriel:

Luke 1:37 "For with God nothing will be impossible."

Matthew 19:26 "But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

- He didn't allow the ungodly to speak the praises of God:

Proverbs 15:8 "The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD but He loves him who follows righteousness."

James 2:19 "You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe - and tremble!"

- They know that God exists, and who He is - they simply reject Him as Lord, living in rebellion.

V: 42-44 As He's leaving, they are begging Him to stay.

Luke 24:28-29 "28Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. 29But they constrained Him, saying, "abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them."

- When you've have a real encounter with Jesus, you don't want it to ever end - and it doesn't have to.
- When you invite Him into your heart, He is there to stay!

Hebrews 13:5 "Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

- Jesus responds that He needs to share the good news with the others as well.

John 10:16 "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd."

- So He goes out teaching, preaching, and healing, in the various cities and synagogues of Galilee.
 - He starts out ministering to the Jews around the Galilee, and around Israel, but Word will get out to the Gentiles as well - and here we are, fruit of His efforts.
1. Are you poor? Spiritually destitute? Jesus wants to give you what you need.
 2. Are you broken hearted over your sin? Jesus will forgive you.
 3. Are you a captive, a slave to sin, bound up in heavy chains? Jesus will set you free.
 4. Have you been blinded by the enemy? Jesus can restore your sight and help you to see.
 5. Are you oppressed, are you bruised are you wounded by life's circumstances. Jesus wants to heal you.

Jesus says:

Matthew 11:28-30 “²⁸Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”