



Winter 2020–2021 Theme:
The Call of God in the New Testament
Unit II: Jesus and Calls in His Ministry

Lesson Titles:

An Amazing Ministry
(Faith Pathway Bible Studies)

Called to Proclaim
(Townsend Press Sunday School Commentary)

LESSON 5—January 3, 2021

Devotional Reading: Deuteronomy 8:1-11

Background Scriptures: Luke 4

Print Passages: Luke 4:14-22a

Key Verse(s):

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord. (Luke 4:18-19, KJV)

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“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” (Luke 4:18-19, NIV)

► Questions to Consider:

1. What did Jesus do and say that **confirmed** His ministry?
2. What was Jesus’ **mission**?
3. What is our **mission** today?

► Lesson Aims:

As a result of experiencing this lesson, the participants should be able to do these things:

- Show comprehension of the meaning and significance of Jesus’ inaugural sermon in Nazareth.
- Know the impact of Jesus’ pronouncement in Nazareth.
- Show an aligned faith response with Jesus’ call and mission

► Lesson Context:

- In this week’s lesson, Jesus boldly announced that His ministry was the fulfillment of the Scripture.
- Jesus publicly revealed Himself as God’s anointed servant, the Messiah as He reads from Isaiah’s prophecy.

► Lesson Outlines/Key Points:

- I. The **Power** to Proclaim (Luke 4:14-16)
Key Point 1: News regarding Jesus’ ministry spread throughout Galilee.

Key Point 2: Jesus went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was His custom.

II. The **Prophecy** to Proclaim (Luke 4:17-19)

Key Point 1: Jesus stood firmly, clothed with boldness and humility to read from Isaiah's prophecy.

Key Point 2: Jesus followed the reading with an official announcement that He was the fulfillment of the prophecy He had just read—He was the anointed one of God (verse 18a).

III. The **Platform** to Proclaim (Luke 4:20-22a)

Key Point 1: As Jesus sat down from reading from Isaiah 61, everyone in the room fastened their eyes on Him in anticipation of some exposition of the text.

Key Point 2: Jesus was proclaiming Himself as the one who would bring good news. He had come to evangelize, proclaim freedom, and give sight to the blind.

► **Lesson Summary:**

- The Good News of the Gospel is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes. (Romans 1:16).
- Jesus has come to set humanity free from the wages of sin.

What do you think? (These questions are found in this week's Faith Pathway student book.)

1. Jesus retreated to the wilderness to fast and pray for spiritual power for ministry. What do you do to spiritually recharge yourself?

2. Make a list of persons you know who need to receive the Good News of Jesus Christ. Where and with whom will you begin sharing? How will you make the decision?

3. Jesus has given every believer power to proclaim the Good News. What are some proven strategies for sharing the Gospel?

As a result of this lesson, I will do the following:
