

Jesus Introduces Himself

When Jesus introduced Himself
to His hometown crowd in Nazareth,
He did so with these words:

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,
Because He anointed Me to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent Me to proclaim release to captives,
And recovery of sight to the blind,
To set free those who are oppressed,
To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.’...
Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”*
(Luke 4:18-19, 21, NASB)

He was reading Isaiah 61:1-2a,
which is part of a longer passage describing the
comfort and
total transformation
that God’s Messiah,
His specially Anointed One,
would bring to God’s people.

He would bring
relief and release to all held captive,
healing for every broken heart,
the righting of every wrong.
He would clothe His people with
joy and praise
from head to toe.

But most importantly, He would glow with
the loving compassion,
the tender, all-out, self-giving love of
Almighty God.

Friends, He has come!
The day of God’s grace is now!
Come know Him!
Come trust Him!
Come rejoice in Him!
Messiah is HERE!

Hymn: [Isaiah 61](#)