

Jesus Reads God's Word

Luke 4:14-22

Every Sabbath Day Jesus went to the house of the Lord to worship. Sometimes Jesus was asked to teach the people. He was glad to do this because He could tell the people about God, His Father. Jesus taught the people from the SAME words Moses received from God on the mountain; the SAME words King Josiah read to the people; the same WORDS your teacher uses to teach you. The shape of God's Word changes, but the WORDS DO NOT. Let's say its name together – BIBLE.

One day when Jesus was in the house of the Lord, He was asked to stand up and read out loud from the Word of God. Perhaps one of the special ministers reached down into the big basket of scrolls and carefully picked out the one he wanted Jesus to read to the people. Jesus knew just which part of the scroll He should read. Slowly, He unrolled the big scroll until . . . Yes, there it was; the VERY verses He knew God wanted Him to share with the people who had come to learn more about God.

All the people watched Jesus. This is what He read from the Word of God:

“God's Holy Spirit is upon Me,

Because He has chosen Me

To tell God's good news to poor people;

He has sent Me to comfort people who are hurting,

To tell prisoners they are now free,

And to help blind people see again.

He wants Me to be helpful to people who are discouraged,

And to tell everyone that salvation is here.”

When Jesus finished reading, He carefully rolled up the scroll of God's Word, handed it back to one of the special ministers, and sat down. EVERY person in the house of the Lord was staring at Him. Jesus said to all the people,

“Today, this part of God's Word has come true, and all of you are here to see and hear about it yourselves.”

Jesus was telling the people that He is the Son of God, the One for Whom the people had been looking for a very long time. But they didn't understand. They knew Jesus was a kind, loving person, but even these people were surprised by the wise words He spoke to them. Some of them said, "Isn't this Joseph's son?" They wondered how He could know so much about God and God's Word.

We KNOW that Jesus is the Son of God, don't we? We know because the Bible tells us so. "The words of the LORD are pure words." That means the Bible is always true, and we can always depend on it. No matter how long ago God's Word was written or what shape or form it was written on, the WORD of God is always the same. It tells us about our holy, powerful, loving, and caring God, Who always keeps His promises.

Bible Verse to Learn

"The words of the LORD are pure words" (Psalm 12:6).