

**Messiah and Our World (Pt. 1)**  
**Series: Living as Messiah People**  
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“He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

<sup>18</sup> **“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, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”**

<sup>20</sup> Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. <sup>21</sup> He began by saying to them, **“Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”** Luke 4:16-21

We are nearing the season of the year where we celebrate and meditate upon the birth of Jesus. As we study the life of Jesus, we often see 2 responses to Him: Love & Hatred.

**LOVE:**

- “He was teaching in their synagogues, and **everyone praised him.**” vs. 15
- **“All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked. vs. 22**

**HATRED:**

- **“All the people in the synagogue were furious** when they heard this. <sup>29</sup> They got up, **drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff.** <sup>30</sup> But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

We don’t have to wonder what it was that caused the change in reaction. He claimed to be Messiah!  
Jewish history is very simple:

Messiah is promised, Messiah will come, Messiah will deliver us!  
The rejection by so many Jews of Jesus reflects confusion or misunderstanding of Messiah. Today, many Christian are also confused.

Messiah is a Hebrew Word mean the “anointed one”. In Greek = Christ

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Matthew 16:16

**Being a Christian is to believe that Jesus is Messiah, the Christ**

If you are a Christian, you are now tasked with advancing the agenda of your King, Jesus! This bring us back to our text for today. What is His agenda and how do I advance it?

**What is the good news? Luke 4:18**

“By **this gospel you are saved**, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: **that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.** <sup>6</sup> After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, <sup>8</sup> and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

**Messiah has tasked us to Proclaim good news to the Poor! vs. 18**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: **The old has gone, the new is here!** <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. **And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.** <sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

**How to Proclaim it?**

We proclaim it with our \_\_\_\_\_  
AND with our \_\_\_\_\_!

**Who are the Poor?**

**2 types of poor:** \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

**Closing: Do you see lots of problems in the world today?**

- **How many of them could be turned around if Christ’s Body would function as intended?**

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