

# “The Ministry of Jesus”

Intro:

- Lenten Series: “The Story of God, The Story of Us” - will be looking at key moments throughout Scripture, beginning to end, that show that it’s all ONE Story with a ‘scarlet cord’ of love running throughout it. Talked so far about:
  - Creation (Tree)
  - The Fall (Ladder)
  - The First Passover/Exodus (Door with Frame)
  - cry for a little King (Chair)
  - Exile (Isaiah 53 - ‘suffering servant’); Bible silent for 400 years
  - Last Week: The Birth of Jesus
  - Today, focus on the Life, Ministry & Teaching of Jesus

Tension: When it comes to the Ministry of Jesus, there is a lot that can be said!

Little background - previously in Luke: Jesus was born, Jesus was lost by parents, baptized, 40 days tested, beginning ministry in Galilee

## Luke 4:14-17

- Jesus went to church every Sunday : )
- Jesus ‘found’ the portion of the scroll that contained those words - wasn’t coincidence, when he was handed the scroll no human pointed to that particular part and said, ‘here, read this’, Jesus purposefully read that passage, as directed by the Father
- When Jesus said that the words of Isaiah 61 had come true that very day, he was making a direct claim to being Israel’s long-awaited Messiah,
- This passage makes known Jesus purpose and the passion of His life. His life would be about the following:

## Luke 4:18-19

- Anoint
- Proclaim
- Set oppressed free= Deliverance
- favor= acceptable

**2Corinthians 6:2** (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time:behold, now is the day of salvation.)

## Luke 4:20-21

Jesus’ purpose and passion:

- Bringing healing and wholeness to God’s people (yes, Brent, “Sozo”)
- Healing people who were brokenhearted and in distress
- Delivering those who were captives to the power of sin or by the power of darkness through demon possession
- Giving sight to the physically and spiritually blind
- Bring triumph to the downcast

**Jesus ministry boils down to 3 main things: Deliverance, healing the sick, teaching about the Kingdom of God.**

The rest of the 4th chapter of Luke exemplifies what Jesus states through the prophet Isaiah in these 7 little verses that are essentially chocked-full of Jesus’ purpose and passion.

## Luke 4:31-37

- Deliverance Teaching:
  - Deliverance from demonic possession
  - Deliverance from oppression in whatever form
  - Deliverance from spiritual strongholds - bitterness, shame, guilt, anger, lust...not demons, but spiritual influences that lead to bondage
  - Neal Lozano, Unbound
    - “Deliverance releases us from bondage into blessing”
    - “Most of our spiritual freedom comes when we learn the truth about who God is and we actually believe what He has said about Himself, about us, and about His workings in our lives.”

## Luke 4:38-41

- Healing teaching:
  - Jesus commanded his disciples when he sent them out in Matthew 10 “proclaim the kingdom of heaven has come near. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons.”
    - Those same things we have said Jesus did, he commanded his disciples to do
  - Rebuked the fever
    - Command
    - Authority over demons and authority over sickness
    - The way I pray when praying for healing
    - On Jesus’ authority
  - Jesus healed them ALL
    - Jesus desires to heal everyone
    - Perfect order
    - Things that get in the way of healing
      - Bitterness/Unforgiveness
      - Unbelief
  - Not all get healed the first time we pray
    - Blind man in the Bible that Jesus prayed for twice
    - Healing prayer two weeks ago
    - Many time people don’t get healed when I pray, but sometimes they do!
      - Randy Clark

## Luke 4:42-44

- Kingdom of God Teaching:
  - Revealing the heart of the Father
  - Reconciliation / Salvation
    - 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21
  - Good News
  - Quote from Book

## Luke 4:22-30

- Foreshadow, Jesus disrupted the status quo; not everyone would be a fan
- Study Bible: “The response of this hardhearted hometown crowd in Nazareth to Jesus’ remarks is a classic example of when spiritual pride and doubt are mixed with anger. When Jesus challenged their unbelief, their surface appreciation for his ministry gave way to outrage...their attempt at mob violence showed how hysterical and resistant to the truth even religious people can be.”