

# **Our Ministry in Jesus Christ**

**Luke 4:16-21**

<sup>22</sup>And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons." <sup>23</sup>So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan?...And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. <sup>27</sup>In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house.

**Mark 3:22-30**

# Satan's control (New Testament)

- <sup>6</sup> And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. **[Luke 4:6]**
- <sup>31</sup> Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. **[John 12:31]**
- <sup>4</sup> The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. **[2 Corinthians 4:4]**
- <sup>19</sup> We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. **[1 John 5:19]**

# Luke and Isaiah comparison

**The Spirit of the LORD is  
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Because He has  
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He has sent Me to heal  
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*Luke 4:18-21*

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is upon me,  
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good news to the  
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*Isaiah 61 :1*

# Who or what is the 'poor'?

- It is more than just a state or condition, it is also an attitude of the soul toward God, that attitude that grows out of the profound realization of utter helplessness and beggary as far as any ability or possession of self are concerned.
- These wretched beggars bring absolutely nothing to God but their complete emptiness and need and stoop in the dust for pure grace and mercy only.
- “Blessed are the poor in Spirit for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven” **Matthew 5:3**

# Luke and Isaiah comparison

And recovery of sight  
to the blind,

To set at liberty those  
who are oppressed;

19 To proclaim the  
acceptable year of  
the LORD.”

21 And He began to say  
to them, “Today this  
Scripture is fulfilled in  
your hearing”

to proclaim liberty  
to the captives,

and release to the  
prisoners;

to proclaim the  
year of the LORD’s favor,  
and the

day of vengeance of our  
God;

47" If anyone hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge that person. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. 48 There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; the very words I have spoken will condemn them at the last day."

**John 12:47-48**

**16** As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water. Suddenly the heavens were opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and resting on Him. **17** And a voice from heaven said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased! [4:1] Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit... **Matthew 3:16-4:1**

**9** In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. **10** Immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him; **11** and a voice came out of the heavens: “You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased.”

**12** Immediately the Spirit impelled Him to go out into the wilderness. **Mark 1:9-12**

**1** Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, **Luke 4:1**



**God sees the broken world**

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**“I believe in Christianity as I believe  
that the sun has risen –  
not only because I see it,  
but because by it,  
I see everything else.”**

**C. S. Lewis**

**Jesus is the answer to our broken  
world**

“If individuals live only seventy years, then a state, or a nation, or a civilization, which may last for a thousand years, is more important than an individual. But if Christianity is true, then the individual is not only more important but incomparably more important, for he is everlasting and the life of a state or civilization, compared with his, is only a moment.” —**C.S. Lewis**