

## JESUS REJECTED BY HIS OWN

Luke 4: 14-30

Jesus and his disciples were traveling through Galilee. One day they came to Nazareth, the little town where Jesus had lived as a boy. The news of his return spread quickly throughout the town. The people were excited, for they had heard of all the wonderful things that Jesus had been doing. They wanted to see him do miracles for themselves.

On the Sabbath day, Jesus went to the synagogue, for he always went to the Lord's house on the day that was set aside for worship of God. He took his turn and stood up to read from the scripture. The person who was in charge of the synagogue gave Jesus the scroll of Isaiah to read from. Jesus took the scroll. He found the place that he wanted and began to read.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

With that, Jesus closed the scroll and sat down. He began to explain what these verses meant. All the people's eyes were fastened on him, eager to hear what he would say. So the Lord Jesus began to teach them. He said, "Today this scripture is fulfilled to you." He was telling them that he was the one spoken of in these verses, come to do all these things for them.

The people were amazed at what Jesus said, They said to each other, "Isn't this Joseph's son?"

Jesus told them, "You want me to do miracles for you, like I did in Capernaum. But you wouldn't believe in me if I did. No prophet is accepted in his own country. Remember that Elijah left his own country in the days of the drought and famine. He went to the widow of Sidon. Also, Elisha healed Naaman the leper who was from Syria, even though there were many who were lepers in Israel."

When the people heard Jesus say these things, it made them very angry. They did not want to be told that God cared for those who were not Jews. They wouldn't listen. They got up and pushed Jesus out of the synagogue. They led him to the top of a hill, planning to push Jesus over the cliff. But Jesus just turned and passed through the crowd and walked away.

The people had no power over Jesus.

When the people thought about the miracles that Jesus could do for them, they were very eager to have him. But when he told them the truth they wanted to kill him.

So often people refuse to hear of their wretched condition before God, and so they miss out on the healing and deliverance that he offers to all those who will put their trust in him. Each of us must admit that we need Jesus before he can help us. These people refused to admit that they needed healing for their wicked hearts.

**LEARN:** When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of a physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners unto repentance.

Mark 2: 17

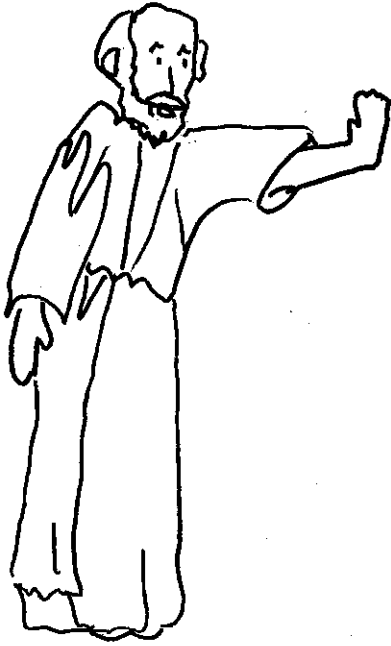
When Jesus quoted from Isaiah and said the verses spoke of him, he was talking not just of physical needs, but more of spiritual need. That is: The people were captives or prisoners of their sin and selfishness. The people were blind to the truth and how to know God. The people were broken hearted, because sin ruins lives and hurts people. Jesus brought the gospel or good news so that all people could have life with God, which is the ONLY good life.

1. The sickness or ruin of a person's' soul is caused by \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Jesus brings the promise of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. If a person refuses to admit that he is a sinner, he can never \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Color the scene. - Cut slits on cliff top as shown.
2. Color Jesus and the people, cut them out.
3. Paste Jesus and the people on the scene as shown in example -

Jesus taped onto invisible tape - directions below

1. pull 2 invisible strips 16" each ( $\frac{3}{4}$ " width tape)  
stick them on top each to each as closely aligned as possible
2. pull tape through slits so even extra tape comes out back side of cliff each side
3. roll small piece of tape to make double sided. Stick to bottom above feet of Jesus in back and attach to tape to make Jesus walk down cliff.





"I am not come to call the righteous,  
but sinners to repentance."

Matthew 9:13b

