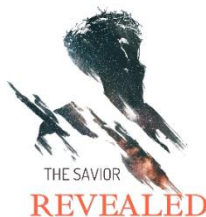


PHYSICIAN, HEAL YOURSELF

LUKE 4:1-13

Jesus Christ, the Jewish Messiah, is Lord of **all**.

- The truth of Jesus, challenges our **comfort** zones to lead us into deeper faith and **transformation**. (vv. 22-24)
- God's grace, expressed in Jesus, is **inclusive** and **boundless**, reaching beyond our assumptions and preferences. (vv. 25-29)
- The truth and purposes of Jesus are **unstoppable**, even in the face of rejection or opposition. (v. 30)



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FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Jesus was addressing the observant Jewish person in the synagogue. He challenged their perceptions “No prophet is accepted in his hometown.” What teachings of Jesus push you from your comfort zone? How do you react when God’s Word challenges you or confronts your assumptions? Deut. 8:3, John 1:45-46
2. What do you think caused the crowd in Nazareth to go from amazement at Jesus’ words to outright rejection of Him? How does this challenge you to evaluate your own ideas and presumptions with God’s Word.
3. Why do you think the people of Nazareth struggled with the idea that God’s grace could extend beyond Israel to the Gentiles, as Jesus implied by referencing Elijah and Elisha? Are there ways in which we might try to limit God’s grace to certain groups or people today? 1 Kings 17:23-24; 2 Kings 5:15-16; Rom. 1:16-17; Matt. 10:5-6; 21-28.
4. The crowd in Nazareth reacted with anger and violence when Jesus challenged their beliefs. How can we cultivate a heart that is more receptive to difficult truths in Scripture?
5. Discuss how the message of Jesus is impossible to stop. How does this encourage you? What can we learn from His example when we face opposition or rejection for following Him? How can you stay focused on God’s calling in your life, even when you encounter resistance?
6. Read and discuss Peter’s sermon in Acts 10:34-43. How does this display the fulfillment of Jesus’ main theme in the Nazareth synagogue?

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