

Scripture Reading: Ex. 20:10- 17 & Luke 4:16-30

Singing: 308:1-3 – 233:5-6 – 49:1-3 – 394:1, 3 – 293:1-3

A. The setting of Jesus' inaugural sermon

1. Nazareth's synagogue wasn't an unfamiliar place to Jesus
2. Nazareth's vision as a 'settler's town' was very familiar to Jesus
3. Nazareth's favorite passage would have been Is. 60 - 61:1-8
4. Nazareth's reaction to Jesus' interpretation of Is. 61 infuriated them

JESUS' KINGDOM

I. ITS CHARACTER IS LOVE II. ITS BENEFIT IS DELIVERANCE

I. THE CHARACTER OF JESUS' KINGDOM IS *LOVE*

A. Never disconnect the Lord Jesus of His Father Who is love (1 John 4:8b)

1. When we see Jesus' actions *we see the Father's love in action* (John 3:16)
2. When Jesus is speaking about His Kingdom, He is speaking about love

B. The character of Jesus' Kingdom is not *having* but *giving* (John 13:34-35)

1. His focus is showing and giving love in saving needy sinners (vs. 18)
 - a. I came not to bring *material benefits* but *spiritual benefits to unworthy*
 - b. I came not to *live self-focused life of pleasure* but *bring out God's love*
 - c. I came not to *be religious* but to *be godly* (Is. 58)

II. THE BENEFIT OF CHRIST'S KINGDOM IS *DELIVERANCE*

A. Christ's coming is to bring real deliverance in our life

1. We are in deep trouble because we don't even see our deepest problem

2. Our misery of life is the condition of our heart!

a. you are a captive

b. you are blind

c. you are poor

d. but are you brokenhearted?

B. Christ was sent do everything about that condition of misery

1. I am anointed to preach to acceptable year of Lord (vs. 19)

2. I am anointed to preach the Gospel to the poor!

To the point ...

A. Do you see your need for this King and His Kingdom?

1. Our deepest need is *spiritual*

2. Our unhappiness is due to missing of our purpose for living ! (Is. 58:10-11)

B. Do not fear to take your refuge to this King of Love and Mercy!

C. Do you consider yourself part of His spiritual Kingdom?