

Then Jesus Came - 12/15/19

TEXT - Isa 61:1-3 *The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the*

INTRO- The Promise of His Coming – Isa. 61:1-3

Isa 7:14 *Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

Luke 4:17-21 *And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was*

• **The Purpose of His Coming**

Luke 9:56 *For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.*

John 10:9-10 *I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. 10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*

Mat 9:13 *But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.*

Mat 20:28 *Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.*

John 12:46 *I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.*

Luke 19:10 *For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

5 THINGS JESUS CAME TO DO ...

1. TO PREACH GOOD TIDINGS TO THE MEEK

Unto the meek - The word rendered 'meek' properly denotes the afflicted, the distressed, the needy.

It refers to those who were borne down by calamity in any form, especially poor. The Redeemer came to bring a joyful message to those who were oppressed and borne down by the evils of poverty and calamity

Mat 11:5 *The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.*

Luke 4:18 *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,*

Many of Jesus followers were poor.

When He was asked by what signs He could prove His claims, He replied, "The poor have the gospel preached to them." "Though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor."

2. TO BIND UP THE BROKENHEARTED

The raising of Lazarus John 11

Psa 147:3 *He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.*

Jesus came to those who are broken and wounded ... their life a series of painful experiences, failures, disappointments ... lives that cannot be put back together – except for the Savior

*** He was someone's husband ... somebody's daddy ... a mother's son ... and he was a leper. His life destroyed, ruined and hopeless – THEN JESUS CAME:

Luke 5:12-15 *And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.*

3. TO PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES

The demoniac of Gadara

Luk 8:26-33 *And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee. 27 And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes,*

Free at last – sins chains broken, no longer hopeless, no longer bound ... and a new life begins for them.

4. TO GIVE UNTO THEM BEAUTY FOR ASHES

*** It was his life to sit beside the highway begging. He had no hope beyond a generous gift ... his hopes and dreams of a beautiful life, family, home had been dashed by the blindness that had turned his dreams to ashes – THEN JESUS CAME:

Mar 10:46-52 *And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging.*

Jesus turned the ashes of his life into the beauty of the future.

5. TO GIVE THE OIL OF JOY FOR MOURNING

Lazarus was the friend of Jesus ... his sisters, likewise, close to the Savior. They were a close knit family – it was a tremendous loss for the sisters when Lazarus died. To add to their sorrow, Jesus had been summoned and had not come in time – Lazarus was dead.

They mourned their loss – THEN JESUS CAME:

John 11:32-36 *Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.*

It is in these worst of times from the human perspective that we find our greatest comfort and encouragement in the Lord (Isa 61:2 – “to comfort all that mourn”) ...

He does not always save the sick ... He rarely raises the dead back to life here on earth – but for the believer there is a coming resurrection and reunion ... there is comfort in the darkest hour –

CONCL – When does Jesus come? When all hope is gone, when you've said all you can say, done all you can do, prayed all you can pray, quoted all the scripture you can quote, cried till there's no more tears, when everything and everybody agree, it's over. (That's when he comes)
Remember the disciples, toiling in rowing, the wind was contrary to them, in the fourth watch of the night, Jesus came to them walking on the water.