

Oaklands Chapel – Assignment – February 8 2009

Luke 4:14-30 – A prophet in His Home Town

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1. What do you think sparked the folks in Galilee's interest in Jesus when he returned after his baptism and testing time?
2. What kind of a Messiah do you think these First Century Israelis were expecting (or hoping for)? Had they become jaded to the possibility of a God-ordained Rescuer in their generation?
3. What is different between the Isaiah 61 passage as written and the portion that Jesus reads? Why?
4. After applauding him as their own 'hometown boy who put them on the map', why were his own friends and neighbours so enraged by Jesus?
5. What scandalous notions might Jesus be saying about God and his activity among humankind to you TODAY?
 - Poke around a little: holding firmly to the truths of scripture, what are some blindspots where we naturally assume 'how God works' and He does something quite different?
 - What do we DO with a God who seems to be scandalously forgiving?
 - Who's in charge here?