

GOOD NEWS

FOR A CHANGE

WEEK 5 • GOOD NEWS FOR ALL!

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Jesus' mission is called "Good News" _____ times in Luke!

When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures. The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring **Good News** to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that **captives will be released**, that the **blind will see**, that the **oppressed will be set free**, and that the time of the **LORD's favor** has come." Luke 4:16-19 NLT

Jesus says he brings Good News four ways. He came to:

1. Release _____

"...captives will be released..."

(Jesus said) "Everyone who sins is a **slave of sin**... But if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." John 8:34,36 NIV

2. Reveal _____

"...the blind will see..."

(Jesus said) "Anyone who has **seen me** has **seen the Father!**" John 14:9 NLT (See John 8:12)

3. Relieve _____

“...the oppressed will be set free...”

(Jesus said) “The teachers of religious law and the Pharisees ...crush people with unbearable religious demands and never lift a finger to ease the burden.” Matthew 23:2a,4

Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and **carry heavy burdens**, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28 NLT

4. Radiate _____

“...the time of the **LORD’s favor**...”

(Jesus said) “For **everyone** who asks, receives. **Everyone** who seeks, finds. And to **everyone** who knocks, the door will be opened.... if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to **those who ask him!**” Luke 11:10,13 NLT

Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the **Good News** about the Kingdom. **And** he healed every kind of disease and illness. Matthew 4:23 NLT

Jesus proclaimed good _____ and practiced good _____

(Jesus said) “Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, **and** the **good news** is preached to the poor.” Luke 7:22

His mission: _____ mission

(Jesus said) “As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” John 20:21b NIV

RESOURCES USED IN THIS MESSAGE

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