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the captive free.*

Luke 4:14-30

HE Came Advent Series

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Intro: It is possible to have a distorted view of the Christmas story, which will slant your understanding of WHY JESUS CAME to earth.

He came to set the captive free!

Anointed me: Baptism of Jesus in Luke 3. Ch. 4 opens with Jesus *“full of the Holy Spirit.”* Verse 14 says that Jesus *“returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit.”*

Preach the gospel to the poor: not just financially poor, but the spiritually poor. Matthew 5:3, *“Blessed are the poor in Spirit.”* (those who recognize that they are spiritually bankrupt before a holy God)

Three images of salvation:

1. Release to the captives

Everyone is born captive to sin.

2. Sight to the blind

Every person is born spiritually blind.

3. Freedom to the oppressed

Without the grace, freedom, and salvation of Christ in our lives, we are oppressed. Without Christ in your life, you have no indwelling presence and power to be an overcomer.

But Jesus offers freedom and peace.

“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” John 8:36 NIV

Apply: Which image of salvation do you value the most?

Evidence that Jesus is the Deliverer:

Prophecy: The Prophet Isaiah saw that the Messiah would be the Deliverer.

Jesus statement in this passage about why he came was actually a quote.

Isaiah 61:1-2 NIV

His miracles demonstrate that he is the Deliverer.

Luke 7:19-22

After his birth, Simeon and Anna both saw in the baby the Deliverer.

Luke 2:25-38

It happened then, and it still happens today. This is why He came. He came to proclaim salvation!

We see why Jesus came in his amazing birth, life of miracles, anointed teaching, his sacrificial death, burial, and resurrection.

Will you accept why Jesus came? Some will not.

Jesus' hometown was completely blind to the Deliverer and their need.

Luke 4:22-30

Matthew 13:54-58 NIV

What about you? Have you accepted the fact that God sent Jesus to set captives free from the penalty and power of sin, Satan, and self?

One last thing: Curiously, in quoting the Prophet Isaiah, Jesus omitted a line. He included ***“to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor,”*** but he omitted ***“and the day of vengeance of our God...”***

Why? Because yes, in the end vengeance will come. God declares, ***“Vengeance is mine; I will repay.”*** But, Jesus was on earth not to bring vengeance, but salvation—to set the captive free. Today is the day of salvation!