

## TO PROCLAIM FREEDOM FOR THE PRISONERS

### Luke 4:14-30

**Key Verse: 4:18b "He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed."**

1. What characterized Jesus' ministry in Galilee? Why is the power of the Spirit so important? (14-15; Jn 6:63) Where and what did he teach in Nazareth? How did the hometown people respond? What was Jesus' attitude toward God's word? Why was Nazareth a proper place to start his ministry?
2. Read verses 17-19. What hope did Isaiah (Isa 61:1-2) give the Israelite captives in Babylon? How did Jesus fulfill this prophecy? (21) Who are "the poor"? What is the good news? (18b,21)
3. What is most people's concept of freedom? Who are the prisoners? What is the Biblical concept of freedom? (Ge 2:16-17; Gal 5:1,13; 1Pe 2:16) How can we learn to use our freedom rightly? (Jn 8:31,32; Ro 6:22)
4. Who are the "blind"? How is King Ahab (1Ki 21) the classic example of a spiritually blind man? (What was his mission?) How can we see what God is doing in our time? What is people's oppressor today and how does the yoke of Jesus release the oppressed? (Mt 11:29-30)
5. What did Jesus mean by saying that the scripture was fulfilled (21)? What was Jesus seeking to teach through the two Old Testament examples? How did each exemplify faith and obedience? What did the hometown religious leaders do instead of repenting?