

QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when you felt rejected in some way.
How did you deal with your feelings of rejection?

2. How would you encourage another person who is experiencing some form of rejection?

3. Read the following passages and note what the Bible says about rejection:

- a) Psalm 27:10
- b) Psalm 34:17-19
- c) Psalm 94:14
- d) Isaiah 53:3
- e) Luke 10:16
- f) John 15:18-19
- g) I Peter 2:4-5

4. Why were the people from the synagogue in Nazareth so angry with Jesus?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week's message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)

- I am going to write a note or make a personal phone call to someone who has been an encouragement to me.
- I am going to invest time in a person who is feeling rejected and encourage them with Scriptures and pray for them.
- I am going to memorize Isaiah 53:3.

Cornerstone Church
Luke 4:14-30

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Study Series #015

Jesus Returns to His Hometown

I. Introduction

A. Rejection

B. The Ministry of Jesus in Galilee

(See Luke 4:14-15; Luke 4:23)

Events *Not* Mentioned in Luke's Gospel

- ✓ Jesus calls His first disciples. (John 1:35-51)
- ✓ Jesus performs His first miracle. (John 2:1-11)
- ✓ Jesus makes His first trip to Capernaum (John 2:12)
- ✓ Jesus Cleanses the Temple for the first time. (John 2:13-22)
- ✓ Jesus is received in Jerusalem for the first time. (Jn 2:23-25)
- ✓ Jesus teaches Nicodemus about the new birth. (John 3:1-21)
- ✓ Jesus ministers with John the Baptist (John 3:22-30)

C. The Jewish Worship Service

(See Deuteronomy 6:4-5; James 1:22; Numbers 6:24-26)

Typical Worship Service in a Jewish Synagogue

- Blessings spoken before and after the Shema
- Prayer, with the response, "Amen" by the congregation
- Reading from the Pentateuch in Hebrew (followed by translation into the Aramaic)
- Reading of a passage from the Prophets
- Message or a word of exhortation
- Benediction pronounced by the priest

II. Jesus Returns to His Hometown

Passage of Study

Luke 4:14-30

A. Jesus Returns to Galilee

(See Luke 4:14-15; Joshua 20:7; Luke 4:1-13; Mark 1:38; Luke 5:3; Luke 8:49; John 15:5; Philippians 4:13; Proverbs 16:9; I John 5:14)

B. Jesus Goes to Nazareth

(See Luke 4:16-21; Luke 6:6; Mark 1:21; Mark 3:1-2; Mark 6:2; Hebrews 10:24-25)

C. The People Respond to Jesus

(See Luke 4:22; Matthew 7:28-29; John 1:14; Luke 6:45; Proverbs 15:1; Proverbs 18:19; Luke 4:22)

D. Jesus Challenges His Listeners

(See Luke 4:23-27; John 2:11-12; Luke 23:8-9; Matthew 7:6; I Peter 4:4; John 11:47; Matthew 12:38; I Kings 17:8-16; James 5:17; II Kings 5:1-19)

E. The People React to Jesus' Message

(See Luke 4:28-30; John 7:30; John 8:59; John 10:39)

III. Conclusion

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please contact the church office and the pastor will contact you.

¹⁴ And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district. ¹⁵ And He began teaching in their synagogues and was praised by all.

¹⁶ And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind; To set free those who are oppressed; ¹⁹ To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.” ²⁰ And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. ²¹ And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²² And all were speaking well of Him, and wondering at the gracious words which were falling from His lips; and they were saying, “Is this not Joseph’s son?”

²³ And He said to them, “No doubt you will quote this proverb to Me, ‘Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we heard was done at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.’” ²⁴ And He said, “Truly I say to you, no prophet is welcome in his hometown. ²⁵ But I say to you in truth, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, when a great famine came over all the land; ²⁶ and yet Elijah was sent to none of them, but only to Zarephath, *in the land* of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷ And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.”

²⁸ And all *the people* in the synagogue were filled with rage as they heard these things; ²⁹ and they got up and drove Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city had been built, in order to throw Him down the cliff. ³⁰ But passing through their midst, He went His way.

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