

The Gospel Means Good News To You

Luke 4:16-30

Luke 4:16 – He came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. As usual, he entered the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read. (CSB)

I. Never quit **church**.

II. Soften your heart to the **evidence**.

Luke 4:23 – Then he said to them, “No doubt you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Doctor, heal yourself. What we’ve heard that took place in Capernaum, do here in your hometown also.’” (CSB)

John 12:37 – Even though he had performed so many signs in their presence, they did not believe in him. (CSB)

III. You have to **know the message** to understand the **good news**.

John 8:31-32 – ³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you continue in my word, you really are my disciples. ³²You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (CSB)

IV. In order to have **good news**, you first have to have **bad news**.

A. Luke 4:18 – To preach good news to the poor (CSB)

Bad news: You are **spiritually depraved**.

Romans 3:9-18 – ⁹What then? Are we any better off? Not at all! For we have already charged that both Jews and Gentiles are all under sin, ¹⁰as it is written: There is no one righteous, not even one. ¹¹There is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. ¹²All have turned away; all alike have become worthless. There is no one who does what is good, not even one. ¹³Their throat is an open grave; they deceive with their tongues. Vipers' venom is under their lips. ¹⁴Their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness. ¹⁵Their feet are swift to shed blood; ¹⁶ruin and wretchedness are in their paths, ¹⁷and the path of peace they have not known. ¹⁸There is no fear of God before their eyes. (CSB)

Good news: You are a **new creation**.

2 Corinthians 5:17 – Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!
(CSB)

B. Luke 4:18 – He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives...to set free the oppressed (CSB)

Bad news: You are **spiritually captive**.

Ephesians 2:1-2 – ¹And you were dead in your trespasses and sins ²in which you previously lived according to the ways of this world, according to the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit now working in the disobedient. (CSB)

Good news: You have been **set free**.

Colossians 2:14 – He erased the certificate of debt, with its obligations, that was against us and opposed to us, and has taken it away by nailing it to the cross. (CSB)

C. Luke 4:18 – recovery of sight to the blind (CSB)

Bad news: You are **spiritually blind**.

Psalm 82:5 – They do not know or understand; they wander in darkness. All the foundations of the earth are shaken. (CSB)

Good news: You are living in the **light**.

John 8:12 – Jesus spoke to them again: “I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life.” (CSB)

Acts 26:18 – to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a share among those who are sanctified by faith in me. (CSB)

Matthew 19:25-26 – ²⁵When the disciples heard this, they were utterly astonished and asked, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁶Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Thought For The Week:

He breaks the **power** of cancelled sin,

He sets the **prisoner** free.

-O For a Thousand Tongues. (Song)