**The Glories of the Messiah – Isa. 61: Lk. 4:17 - 21**

**Focal Truth: God the Father appointed Jesus Christ to be the preacher of good news!**

**Observations**

1. **Jesus Ministry was a Spirit filled Ministry – 61:1**

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed Me…*

1. Jesus was Spirit filled His entire life

Lk. 4:1 – *Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness….*

Lk. 4:14 - *Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and the new about Him spread through all the surrounding district*

Acts 10:38 – *you know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him*

1. Jesus was a Spirit filled preacher

John 7:46 – *never has a man spoken the way this man speaks*

Matt. 7:28 – 29 – *when Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as one having authority, not as their scribes.*

Matt. 13:54 – *when He came to His hometown and began teaching them they were astonished and said, where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?*

Matt. 22:33 – *when the crowds heard this, they were astonished at His teaching*

John 1:1 - *in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God*

Heb. 1:1 -2 – *God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many*

*portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son…*

1. Jesus was the fulfillment of the predicted promise of the Servant Preacher of the Lord

Lk. 4:20 – 21 - *He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down, the eyes of all in the Synagogue were on him. He began to say,* ***today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing***

Lk. 4:22 – *all were speaking well of Him, and wondering at the* ***gracious words which were falling from His lips…***

1. **Jesus preached good news to the afflicted – 61:1**

*To bring good news to the afflicted…*

Matt. 9:2 – *take courage, son, your sins are forgiven – to the paralytic*

Lk. 7:48 – *He said to her, your sins have been forgiven – to the sinful woman who perfumed Jesus feet*

1. **Jesus preached healing to the broken hearted – 61:1**

*He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted…*

John 8:11 – *Jesus said, I do not condemn you either, Go. From now on sin no more*

John 14:1 – *do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me*

1. **Jesus preached liberty to those captive – 61:1**

*To proclaim liberty to the captives…*

1. Jesus preached knowing the truth of God brings freedom from sins powerful addictions

John 8:31 -32 – *if you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free*

1. **Jesus preached the day of salvation – the day of redemption – 61:2**

*To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord…*

Mar. 1: 14 -15 – *Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel*

John 14:6 - *I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except by Me*

John 3:16 – *for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life*

1. **Jesus preached the day of God’s vengeance on sin – 61:2**

*to proclaim the day of vengeance of our God…*

1. The actions of Rev. 6 -19 describe the wrath of God coming on the sinful world
2. **Jesus preached comfort to the mourning – 61:3**

*To comfort those who mourn in Zion…*

1. The comfort of Jesus comes through the Holy Spirit the comforter

John 16:13 – 14 - *but when He the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak, and He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you*

1. The Holy Spirit replaces loss with victory – *garland for ashes*
2. The Holy Spirit provides joyfulness – *oil of gladness*
3. The Holy Spirit clothes with praise – *mantle of praise for mourning*
4. The Holy Spirit plants & grows in righteousness – *called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified*

***Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away – Matt. 24:35***

**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**

Wonderful Words of Life – Phillip Bless

Sing them over again to me,  
Wonderful words of life;  
Let me more of their beauty see,  
Wonderful words of life;  
Words of life and beauty  
Teach me faith and duty.

Refrain:  
Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
Wonderful words of life;  
Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
Wonderful words of life.

2 Christ, the blessed one, gives to all  
Wonderful words of life;  
Sinner, list to the loving call,  
Wonderful words of life;  
All so freely given,  
Wooing us to heaven. [Refrain]

3 Sweetly echo the gospel call,  
Wonderful words of life;  
Offer pardon and peace to all,  
Wonderful words of life;  
Jesus, only Savior,  
Sanctify forever. [Refrain]