

# Luke

Carefully Investigating the Gospel ... Together

SSBC Luke Bible Study #08

Passage: Luke 4:14-30

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## Introduction:

You've just been appointed to a new position of great importance, and have just completed an extremely rigorous 40-day training & testing program. You return to your hometown where you might expect to share this with those you have grown up with and worked with. You attend a worship service, and are given the honor of speaking to the whole congregation. You use this as an opportunity to let those you love in on your great news!

What kind of reaction might you be hoping for? Joyful encouragement? Affirmation? Curiosity about the great things that lie ahead? Warm wishes? Of course! This is your great moment! Have you ever had an experience at all like the above scenario? What happened? How did it feel?

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**Pray.** Before you start studying God's Word, spend a brief time asking him to guide you. Take note of where your heart is at, what's on your mind, what you're excited about, what you're worried about, etc. Give God access to your heart and mind as you enter into his presence.

**Bible Study:**

1. Read this week's bible passage to see what happened when Jesus had such an experience. Use this chart to record your observations, questions, etc.

Scripture	Your Observations & Questions
<p><sup>14</sup>Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. <sup>15</sup>He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.</p> <p><sup>16</sup>He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. <sup>17</sup>The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:</p> <p><sup>18</sup>"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." <sup>a</sup></p> <p><sup>20</sup>Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, <sup>21</sup>and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."</p> <p><i>a. Isaiah 61:1-2</i></p>	

Scripture	Your Observations & Questions
<p><sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.</p> <p><sup>23</sup>Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself! Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.' "</p> <p><sup>24</sup>"I tell you the truth," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown. <sup>25</sup>I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. <sup>26</sup>Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. <sup>27</sup>And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian." <sup>b</sup></p> <p><sup>28</sup>All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. <sup>29</sup>They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him down the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.</p> <p><i>b. For background see 1 Kings 16:29 – 17:24 and 2 Kings 5:1-27)</i></p>	

2. Next, use this chart to **interpret some key observations**.

a. Select a few of your observations & questions from pages 2-3 that you find most interesting or important. Rewrite these below, and interpret and apply them using the columns to the right.

b. For each observation, begin to interpret by asking yourself these kinds of questions:

- What does it mean?
- Why is this important?
- What does this tell me about the Father? Jesus? The Holy Spirit?
- Are there other scriptures that could help me understand this?

<b>Observation</b> What does it say?	<b>Interpretation</b> What does it mean?

*Did you find some helpful cross-references? If not, ask others to show you how to find some (not just which verses, but how they found them).*

3. Now consider how you can **apply** the Word to your life. Look for:

- **Sins** to avoid
- **Promises** to believe
- **Examples** to follow (remember "SPECK")
- **Commands** to obey
- **Knowledge** to retain & share

Don't just write things to write them – listen carefully to God's Word and what he seems to be teaching you, and look for relevant things that you're truly stirred to do. Then as you do them, God will help you learn, grow, and help others grow.

<b>Application</b> How do I apply what it means?

*How are you doing with the applications you've been writing down in recent weeks?*

**Consider This Carefully:**

4. Why did the people Jesus had grown up with want to kill him? Why is this significant? What are the implications of this toward your life?

*(This bible study is intentionally shorter this week. Spend some extra time on question 4. Talk it over with others. Imagine how Jesus felt. Pray about it. Write about it. Apply it.)*