

Jesus Announces His Mission: A Graphic Picture of Rejection

Luke 04: 16–30

1 *A dramatic scene*

- a. Jesus visited His hometown
- b. Jesus entered the synagogue
- His custom on the Sabbath

2 *Scene 1:*

Jesus' dramatic reading from the prophet Isaiah - concerned the Messiah

- a. The Messiah was to be anointed by the Spirit
- b. The Messiah was to preach the gospel (good news)
- c. The Messiah was to minister
- d. The Messiah was to preach the age of salvation

3 *Scene 2:*

Jesus' phenomenal claim

- a. The rapt attention of the people
- b. The claim of Jesus to be the Messiah

4 *Scene 3:*

The people's declining response

- a. First: They were impressed
- b. Second: They questioned
- c. Third: They demanded proof - insisted He heal (prove) Himself, that is, work miracles

5 *Scene 4:*

The people's painful rejection

- a. *Illustration 1:*
Only one needy widow had her needs met in Elijah's day

16 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.

17 The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

18 "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,

19 To proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

20 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,

21 And he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

22 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.

23 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.'"

24 "I tell you the truth," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown.

25 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.

<p>- because only one widow accepted Elijah</p> <p>b. <i>Illustration 2:</i> Only one needy leper was cleansed in Elisha's day - because only one leper accepted Elisha</p> <p>6 Scene 5: <i>The people's true spirit</i></p> <p>a. An insane wrath: A closed-mindedness</p> <p>b. An insane assault: To silence Jesus</p> <p>c. The insane behaviour of the people failed</p>	<p>26 Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon.</p> <p>27 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.”</p> <p>28 All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this.</p> <p>29 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.</p> <p>30 But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.</p>
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