



## *The Scandal of Grace and Jesus as Prophet*

*Luke 4:14-30*

*Sermon Study Notes*

It is impossible to be neutral when it comes to Jesus.

### **I. The Characteristics of Jesus' Teaching Ministry (4:14-15)**

- A. The Power of the Spirit
- B. The Fame of Jesus
- C. The Teaching of the Word
- D. The Glory of God

### **II. The Components of Jesus' Teaching Ministry (4:16-22)**

- A. Devotion: He respected the house of God.
- B. Exposition: He read and explained the Word.
- C. Application: He revealed Himself in the Word.

Jesus the carpenter declares Himself to be the Christ.

1. He came to preach the gospel to the poor.

The currency of earthly riches opens no doors to the Kingdom of Heaven.

2. He came to proclaim release to the captives.
3. He came to recover the sight of the blind.
4. He came to set free the oppressed.

- D. Reaction: The people responded to the Word. (They marveled and then they murmured.)

Too many people don't have a problem with the coming of the Kingdom; they have a problem with how the Kingdom is coming.

### **III. The Conflict of Jesus' Teaching Ministry (4:23-30)**

- A. Religious people reject Christ because they don't want to acknowledge His Lordship.
  1. The gospel is for the oppressed.
  2. The gospel is for the outcasts.
  3. The gospel is for the outsiders.
- B. Religious people reject Christ because they don't want to admit their sinful, desperate condition.

"The greatest enemy to human souls is the self-righteous spirit which makes men look to themselves for salvation."

*- Charles Haddon Spurgeon*

1. They don't see God in the familiar.
2. They don't take God at His Word.
3. They don't trust God in His sovereignty.
4. They take offense at God's grace.

**The Song of the Self-Righteous:** "Jesus, this salvation you offer, those people need it, but they don't deserve it. We deserve it, but we don't need it."

Your reaction to God's grace proves whether you have it or need it.