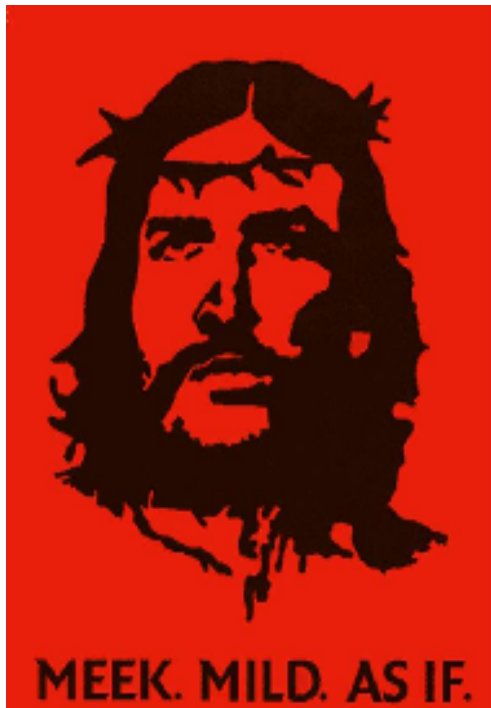


Discovering the Real Jesus Luke 4:14-30

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WHO IS JESUS?

Introduction to Luke:

- A major theme for Luke is answering the question, “Who is Jesus?”
- Written to Theophilus
 - Greek, Roman official, follower of Jesus
- In context of Roman persecution
- Along with Acts, this is the first major apologetic (or defense) of Christianity

1. Jesus is the Son of God, the promised Messiah. →

See Luke 1:30-33; 2:49; 4:34; 5:20-21; 7:18-22; 9:20-21, 35

Jesus declares his identity and mission in his sermon at Nazareth. (Chapter 4)

2. The Messiah’s Mission

- Jesus knows exactly what he’s doing in reading the Isaiah passage.
- Luke emphasizes the work & power of the Spirit.
- Jesus has received God’s anointing

To preach good news to the poor...

- poor is a broad description referring to all who are in trouble

He has sent me...

-who is 'he'? The Spirit of the Lord

To proclaim freedom for the prisoners...

-freedom or release from whatever imprisons us or binds us

-freedom speaks of forgiveness of sins

Recovery of sight for the blind...

-both physical and spiritual

To release the oppressed...

-release is the same word as freedom and again speaks of being released from our sins

-also the very tangible release from demonic oppression

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

-reference to _____

(Lev. 25:8-55)

Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.

-Jesus says, "I am the One who Isaiah prophesied would come. I have begun my mission."

Jesus is the Son of God, our Messiah.

How will we respond?

Jesus declares his mission?

How will we live?

A Prayer of Submission:

God use me!

I'll go anywhere.

I'll do anything.

I'll go any time.