

THE TIME FOR A JUBILEE IS NOW
An Epiphany Message
Luke 4:14-21

“The Spirit of the Lord ... has appointed me to preach Good News ...” Luke 4:18a (NLT)

JESUS IS ON A MISSION FROM GOD. WHAT IS IT?

1. NOTE THE POWER BEHIND THE PURPOSE

[Jesus to His parents:] “Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?” Luke 2:49 (NKJ)

“When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened [“torn open,” says Mark 1:10] and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: ‘You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.’” Luke 3:20-21 (NIV)

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted ...” Luke 4:1-2a (NIV)

“Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.” Luke 4:14 (NIV)

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me” Luke 4:18a (NIV)

2. REALIZE THAT GOD MAKES A WAY

TO FORGIVE OUR DEBTS

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me ... to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” Luke 4:18-19 (NIV)

“... [to proclaim] that the time of the Lord’s favor has come.” (NLT)

“... Proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants” Leviticus 25:10 (NIV)

For more on the Year of Jubilee, see Leviticus 25:8-55

A. JESUS ADDRESSES PHYSICAL NEEDS ,

AND MODELS FOR HIS FOLLOWERS

TO DO THE SAME

“Then [Jesus] told John’s disciples, ‘Go back to John and tell him what you have seen and heard – the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor. And tell him, “God blesses those who are not offended by me.”’” Luke 7:22-23 (NLT)

B. JESUS ADDRESSES SPIRITUAL NEEDS ,

AND MODELS FOR HIS FOLLOWERS

TO DO THE SAME

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor” Luke 4:18a (NAS)

“... He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor” (RSV)

Covenant President Gary Walter: “God wants lost people

found and hurting people helped”