

## JESUS' MISSION PROGRAM—LUKE 4:16–21

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In the synagogue of his hometown of Nazareth, Jesus launches his public ministry by declaring his *mission*: to rescue *hopelessly defeated outsiders* by offering them genuine release from their situation—for the ultimate *Jubilee* has come! Jesus was sent by the Father and anointed by the Holy Spirit to fulfill the mission detailed in Isaiah 61:1–2a, seeking to save four specific kinds of desperate people:

1. Those who are **bankrupt**  
*to proclaim good news to the poor*
  
2. Those who are **bound**  
*to proclaim liberty to the captives*
  
3. Those who are **blind**  
*[to proclaim] recovering of sight to the blind*
  
4. Those who are **broken**  
*to set at liberty those who are oppressed*