JESUS' MISSION PROGRAM (CONTINUED)—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:

Previously:

1. Those who are **bankrupt spiritually**
   to proclaim good news to the poor

2. Those who are **bound morally**
   to proclaim liberty to the captives
   a. Sin binds us with its penalty.
   b. Sin binds us with its power.

3. Those who are **blind intellectually**
   [to proclaim] recovering of sight to the blind

4. Those who are **broken emotionally**
   to set at liberty those who are oppressed