

THE FORGOTTEN JESUS PODCAST

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Season 6, Episode 5

An Amazing Response to a Short Sermon

Luke 4:16-30

Discussion Questions (Understanding the Text)

1. Why do you think Jesus chose to read from Isaiah 61 in the synagogue that day?
 2. What was the significance of Jesus saying, "Today as you listen, this Scripture has been fulfilled" (Luke 4:21)?
 3. Why were the people in Nazareth amazed at first but quickly turned to anger? What changed?
 4. Jesus mentions Elijah and Elisha helping Gentiles rather than Israelites. Why was this offensive to His audience?
 5. What does Jesus mean when He says, "No prophet is accepted in his hometown" (Luke 4:24)?
 6. How does this passage connect to Jesus' broader mission of bringing the Gospel to all people, not just Israel?
 7. Why do you think the crowd was so enraged that they attempted to throw Jesus off a cliff?
 8. What does this passage reveal about human nature and resistance to God's truth?
 9. How does this passage demonstrate the contrast between spiritual blindness and spiritual sight?
 10. What does Jesus' ability to walk away unharmed (Luke 4:30) tell us about His divine authority?
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Application Questions (Applying the Text)

1. Have you ever experienced resistance or rejection when sharing the Gospel? How did you respond?
 2. Are there areas in your life where you struggle to accept hard truths from God's Word?
 3. How can we guard against becoming like the people of Nazareth—excited about Jesus at first but rejecting Him when He challenges our expectations?
 4. What does this passage teach us about God's heart for the spiritually poor, blind, and oppressed?
 5. Jesus' mission included reaching those society often ignored. How can you personally reflect this in your life?
 6. Who in your life might be considered a "Gentile" or an outsider to the faith? How can you extend the love of Jesus to them?
 7. What distractions or preconceived notions might be hindering you from fully embracing Jesus' mission?
 8. How does knowing your identity in Christ help you persevere through rejection or opposition?
 9. Jesus was secure in His identity as God's Son, despite rejection. How can we develop that same confidence in our faith?
 10. What is one practical way you can boldly live out the Gospel this week, even in the face of potential rejection?
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Prayer Prompt

Spend time thanking God that His Gospel is for all people, regardless of background or past mistakes. Ask Him to give you the courage to share His truth, even when it's unpopular. Pray for those who have rejected Jesus, that their hearts would be softened to receive the glorious truth of the gospel.

Additional Resources for Deeper Study

- **Isaiah 61:1-2** – The prophecy Jesus read in the synagogue.
- **John 1:10-12** – Jesus was rejected by His own people.
- **Matthew 5:10-12** – Blessed are those persecuted for righteousness.
- **Robby Gallaty's book: *The Forgotten Jesus*** – helps unpack the Jewish context of Jesus' ministry
- **BEMA Podcast (Marty Solomon)** – episodes on first-century Jewish expectations of the Messiah

- **Long Hollow Church YouTube Channel** – Pastor Robby's sermons on the Gospel of Luke.