

Magnifying Jesus

(Luke 4:14-31)

- Introduction:
1. One of the reasons the early church was so successful was that it magnified Jesus (Acts 19:17).
 2. That's precisely what we want to do today.
 3. We don't want to "hide" Jesus or "package" him in a way that we slip him in at the end.
 4. No, we want Jesus to take center stage.
 5. However, in order to make Jesus "larger than life," we need to know something about his life!
 6. Let's examine just one incident in the life of Jesus that challenges us.

I. Jesus Went To Synagogue

- A. (Luke 4:16).
- B. It was his custom (Luke 4:16).
- C. The command to assemble is more than an arbitrary "jump through the hoops" command, but rather it has purpose.
- D. (Hebrews 10:24-25).

II. Jesus Knew His Bible

- A. (Luke 4:17-19).
- B. They brought him the "book" (Greek: biblion; a scroll).
- C. Jesus started out as a carpenter, not a preacher (Matthew 13:55; Mark 6:3).
- D. How well do you know your Bible (Luke 2:52).

III. Jesus Forced People To Think

- A. (Luke 4:20-21).
- B. That's one of the reasons he taught in parables (Matthew 13:10-13).
- C. (Hebrews 11:6).

IV. Jesus Preached A Message Of Grace

- A. (Luke 4:22-27).
- B. Notice how they loved his message, but hated his application.
- C. (Jonah 4:2).

V. Jesus Didn't Give Up

- A. (Luke 4:28-31).
- B. (2 Timothy 4:1-4).
- C. (Mark 6:11).

- Conclusion:
1. What a teacher we have!
 2. As disciples, let's do our best to be more like him and magnify him before our community through our words and actions.
 3. Would you like to be his disciple (Matthew 28:19-20).