

JESUS IS REJECTED AT NAZARETH

Luke 4:14-30

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¹⁴Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

¹⁶He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. ¹⁷The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to preach good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim
freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the
blind,
to release the oppressed,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s
favor.”

²⁰Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, ²¹and he began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

²³Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself! Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’”

²⁴“I tell you the truth,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. ²⁶Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. ²⁷And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.”

²⁸All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What was Jesus doing in Nazareth? (Verse 16)
5		2.) What was something that the prophet Isaiah said about Jesus? (Verse 18)
5		3.) What were the people going to do to Jesus because they were upset with him?
5		4.) Why do you think the memory verse means?

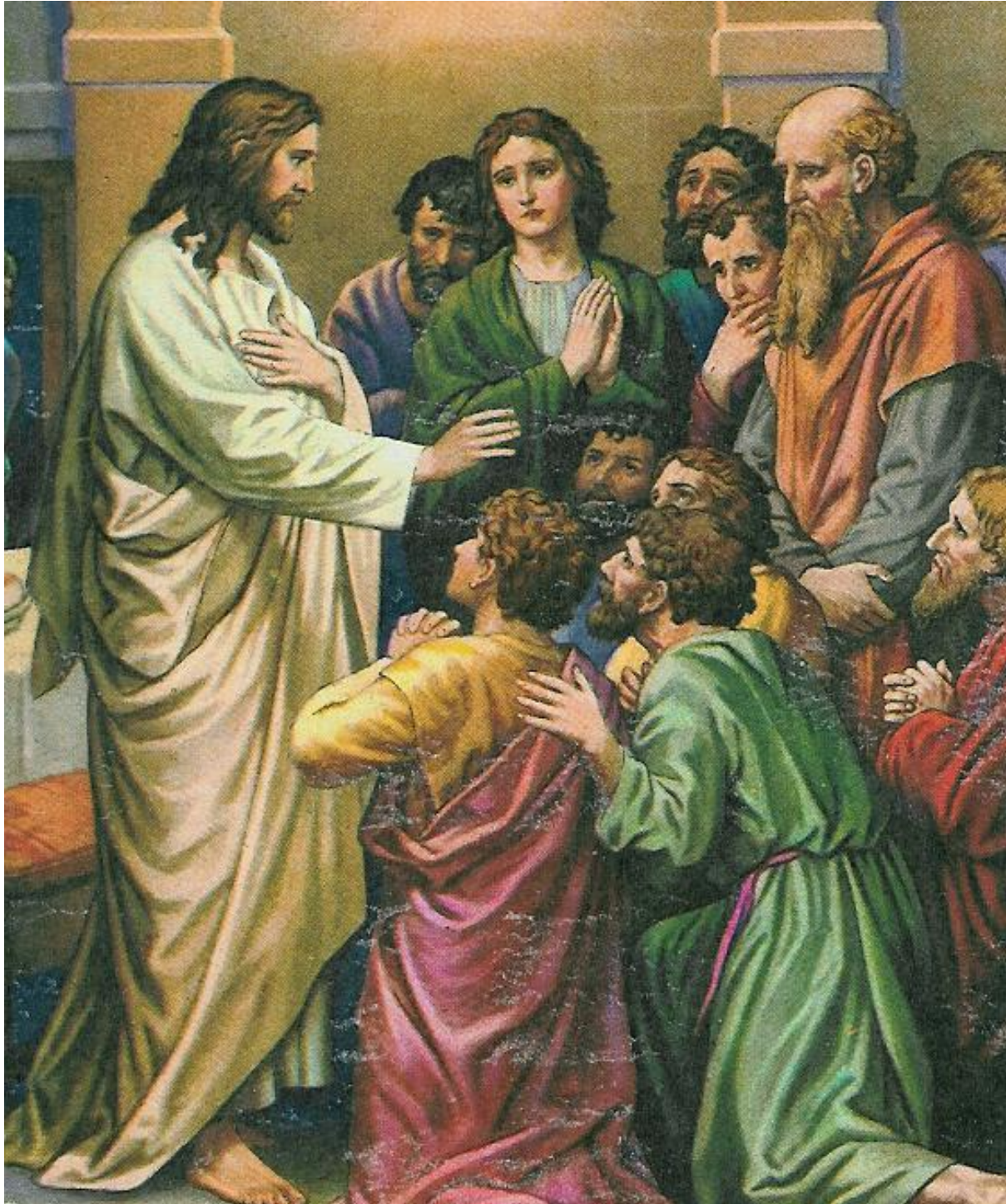
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		"I tell you the truth," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown." <p style="text-align: right;">Luke 4:24</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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Jesus sits and teaches the people

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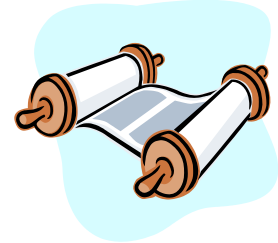
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: SCROLLS

Students will make scrolls to remind them that Jesus read from a scroll in Nazareth.

MATERIALS

1. Scroll Pattern
2. Drinking Straws
3. Tape
4. Crayons, Markers or Colored Pencils
5. Rubber Bands
6. Scissors



DIRECTIONS

1. Have students color in the letters of the memory verse on the scroll pattern.
2. Cut out the scroll on the solid black line.
3. Tape a drinking straw to both ends of the scroll.
4. Roll each end of the scroll to the center,
5. Place a rubber band around the scroll to keep it rolled up.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their scrolls, remind them that Jesus was reading from the words of Isaiah, the prophet. These words were about Him. Those listening to Jesus became upset with him. They were not happy because Jesus wanted to include the Gentiles in God's blessing. The memory verse gives us insight into Jesus' frustration with the people he was speaking to.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 10 minutes

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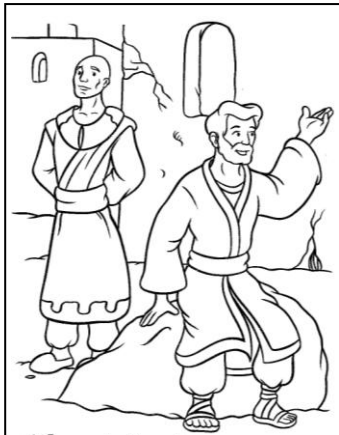
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While Jesus was in Galilee, word spread about him through the whole countryside. Jesus taught in the synagogues and everyone praised him.

Then Jesus went up to Nazareth, his hometown, to read words from the prophet Isaiah. Jesus read about preaching the good news to the poor. Jesus knew that the people listening to him would reject his teaching so he said, "No prophet is accepted in his hometown."

Jesus told the crowd a story about Elijah who took care of a woman from a different hometown than he was from. Jesus used this story to help the Jews realize that he was about to save the Gentiles from their sins by dying on the cross.

The Jews were very upset and took Jesus to the top of a hill. They were going to throw Jesus down the cliff. But Jesus just walked through the crowd and went on his way.

For more on this story, read Luke 4:14-30 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. What was Jesus doing in Nazareth?
2. Why did Jesus tell the story of Elijah?
3. What were the people going to do because they were upset with Jesus?
4. What do you think the memory verse means?

MEMORY VERSE

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WORD SEARCH

S Y N A G O G U E R
W U T A V V K N E U
E T S I Z Y X J P Z
J E W E Y A E P Y L
D A O Y J C R I E O
P C J Z T H C E B V
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