

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Two Texts

Luke 4:16-19 The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, & he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom, & he stood up to read. & there was given him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah & unrolling the book, he found the place where it was written:

*'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
& recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'*

Luke 5:4-11 Jesus calls the First Disciples

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water & let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answering, said, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' & having done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. & they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come & help them. & they came & filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he & all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; & so also were James & John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. & Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' & when they had brought their boats to shore, leaving everything they followed him.

Luke 1:1-4 – The Evangelist

1 Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, ² just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses & servants of the word, ³ I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.