

- ↳ **Luke 4:16-21**; What is the theme of the Bible? It is salvation. That the God of the universe, all things coming from Him, existing by Him and returning to Him, sent His Son Jesus to die and pay for our sins, so that we could be forgiven, and "saved to God Himself." From the fall of mankind in Genesis 3 right through Revelation 22, to the very end of the Bible's 66 books, the theme is salvation.
- ↳ There is no disconnect between the Old and New Testaments; Christianity is not a new religion; Christianity is the fulfillment of the Old Testament. It is the culmination and glory of the Old Testament. When Jesus wanted to identify Himself, He read the Old Testament, **Luke 24:27**.
- ↳ There's no disconnect between them, real or implied; it's one Book with one theme! So, it shouldn't surprise us when Jesus comes, and declares His purpose for coming, that salvation is His singular theme as well. Jesus is the Messiah of the Old Testament; it says it right here in Isaiah 61, "Anointed Me"<MESSIAH> to do what? Save sinners from their sins.
- ↳ We are going to get those descriptions, but we first have to get some details out of the way.

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### 1. Nazareth, Jesus' hometown.

- ✓ What an amazing spot to grow up, from the mountain Nazareth sits on, you can see practically the entire history of Israel. Nazareth is not important at all except for the fact that Jesus grew up there, 30 of His 33 years were spent there. He never lost the title of "Jesus of Nazareth."

### 2. The Isaiah scroll.

- ✓ We carry a lot of presuppositions to the Bible when we read, including what it was like for people in Jesus' day to read the Bible.
- ✓ Translated the "book" of Isaiah there in verses 17 and 20; that's clearly not so, because they didn't even have books back then, they had scrolls. Scrolls were far more inconvenient than books, especially the Isaiah scroll and others of like size. To get to where Jesus read, He had to unroll 61 of the 66 chapters of Isaiah or approximately 22 feet of it just to find His place!
- ✓ He had to scroll through this entire thing with no numbers or titles or punctuation to help Him; many of the words were run together, in order for him to find this spot.

### 3. Jesus omits something.

- ✓ Jesus doesn't finish the sentence there in **Isaiah 61:2**; He omits part of it. These verses describe what Jesus is and will do, to be sure, but Jesus stops with what He's doing "Today."
- ✓ Gaps between words matter, don't they? They give us a small pause. Take a look at the pause between the "Lord" and "and" in Isaiah 61:2. That is the biggest pause you will ever see in literature because that pause represents 2K years so far!
- ✓ Jesus's first and second comings are summed up right there, first, for salvation; second, for judgment.

### 4. Jesus' current job description.

- ✓ The most important question to ask today is "what is Jesus doing." All that matters is "what is Jesus doing." Jesus has ascended, has died, risen and ascended to Heaven, but He has not stopped His work here.
- ✓ "Today" isn't over, how do we know? Because the rest of Isa. 61:2 isn't being fulfilled yet, Jesus has not crossed the gap between those clauses yet.

**Matthew 28:19-20, He's with us as we go, He's the missionary, He's the evangelist, He's the Savior. We are His hands and feet.**

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