

Introduction:

- *"You've just heard Scripture make history. It came true just now in this place."* Message Lk 4:21
IS 61:1-3 - the person of this passage has been chosen and empowered by God to bring about the deliverance of His people.
- His most potent instrument of doing this is by His mouth. Is 11:4 "the rod of His mouth and breath of His lips he shall strike the wicked."
- His work is directly associated with the establishment of the righteous. Lk 4:18
- Spirit is upon me because he has anointed me. Two things: anointed and spirit comes upon. Only happened with Saul 1 Sam 10:1,6-7 and 1 Sam 16:13 both of which were associated with the establishment of Kingship. On earth as it is in heaven!
- The Work of the servant is to preach!!!! Word!!! He is not only the preacher of good new He is the Good News. His declaration is to the poor. Who are they? All who are distressed and in trouble for any reason, including sin.
- The sentence structure shows clearly that "sent" and its indirect objects are functioning as an explanation of what "preaching good news to the poor means"
- Who are the broken?
 - They are those who no longer have the heart to try.
 - They those so bound up in their addictions that liberty and release are a cruel mirage.
 - They are those who think they will never again experience the favor of the Lord or see His vengeance upon their enemies.
 - They are those who only know despair.
 - These are the ones to whom Messiah shouts, "GOOD NEWS!!!"
- Messiah will not just hurl words at them. He will hurl words that accomplish what they speak of!
 - He will bandage broken hearts. IS 1:6 leaking wounds.
 - He will announce: liberty and release. Only a King greater than all others can do that!
- Vs 3 mighty oaks. see Is 1:29-30 withered oaks-got that way because they were self sufficient, without God and therefore went into bondage.

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- From ruin to redemption! Jesus saves to the uttermost!
- Mark 5:1-20
- Zombie Dreams: I don't play zombie videos games, I do not watch walking dead. So these are not dreams from life I live.
 - First dream: When I saw the zombies, and we started to kill them I did not feel right in spirit about doing this. When I stopped shooting them, I started pushing them away and discovered they really were not dangerous. They could not hurt me.
 - Second dream: The zombies were coming toward us again. As the group with me began to prepare to shoot zombies, I yelled out, "Don't shoot! These are people." Then I woke up.
 - One zombie dream can be bad pizza. Two zombie dreams and God is trying to say something to me.
 - I asked God about the zombies, here is what I got:
 - zombies represent a false resurrection of the dead that exists to create fear. People who live under demonic influence create fear in other people's lives. Christian or non-Christian.
 - zombies are the walking dead, they can be believers who live under the influence of the prince of the power of the air rather than under the power of the Spirit in the atmosphere of heaven.
 - Zombies are a picture of marred humanity that is in need of restoration.
- *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord's favor has come."* (Luke 4:18-19, NLT)
- *"So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free."* (John 8:36, NLT)

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I. Jesus Came To Deliver Captives

- A. Sin makes us prisoners of hell. Our own disobedience to God makes us a slave to sin. Generational curses take family lines prisoners of generational diseases, sins, emotional bondages. The result/fruit of sin in the garden was that all men died, are constantly moving toward death and living in decline. Ie. The medical field and insurance industry want to know your family history because certain diseases seem to follow family lines.
1. Captives - aixmalotos - Gr. “Prisoner of war”
 2. Release, to pardon, to let go, to forgive.
- B. Jesus meets a prisoner/a captive. This man is somebody’s son, father, husband, relative.
1. This man no longer has the image of God upon him.
 2. He is possessed by an evil spirit.
 3. He lives in the realm of death (cemetery). The devil will always have you keep company with the dead to influence you, to drag you down. *“You’ve just heard Scripture make history. It came true just now in this place.”*
 4. He, the demoniac, has power from hell itself and he breaks chains when bound.
 5. He causes such fear that others avoid him. Demons manifesting in him cause others to avoid him.
 6. He cut himself and he would cry out because of the pain of his life.
 - a) self hatred.
 - b) self destruction.
 - c) Dr. Levenkron says, “Self-mutilation is cutting yourself, burning yourself, lacerating your skin, attacking your skin in a variety of ways to perceive the pain and to feel the pain involved, because the pain involved and the blood that is seen distracts people from their emotional pain.”
 7. He was living life out of control.
 - a) No one can tame him.
 - b) He is being driven towards death and destruction by an unknown force. What is controlling you? A spirit or Holy Spirit?
 - c) This man had over 6k demons...6 thousand reasons to not want Jesus to be Lord of his life.
- C. Jesus is anointed to deliver Deliver. The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me and He has anointed me/smeared me with the presence of heaven...to deliver! Why?
1. Because He loves!
 2. Because He is full of compassion!
 3. Because He desires all of humanity to be restored to God.
 4. 2,000 hogs are quite valuable to a farmer but Jesus sees the life of this one, tormented man to be more valuable than a heard of hogs. How is it that Jews come to be hog farmers? Maybe Jesus was helping the tribe Gad across the Lake to come home.
- D. Why does Jesus go to the demoniac?
1. Because He saw him as a good man. This is one of the amazing facts about God, He sees the good in all of us no matter how hideous we may look to others. He sees what we can be in His Kingdom.
 2. Because He wanted to call Him “upward” no longer to live under the prince of the power of the air. [Eph 2:1-4 Read]
 3. Because He wants to restore joy, peace and life beyond way beyond all the trauma that the enemy has ever forced upon us. The fruit of your deliverance is to overcome all the trauma of this life. Jesus casts the demons out of this mans life and he is freed!!! He is pardoned!!! He is forgiven!!! He WALKS!!!! Out of his prison. *“You’ve just heard Scripture make history. It came true just now in this place.”* What prison are you living in? Jesus wants to set you free today! Lets look at the fruit of this mans deliverance.

II. The Fruit of Deliverance/ The Fruit is the Fulfillment!

- A. Submission to Jesus:
1. *“Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”* (Matthew 11:29–30,

NLT) Mt 18 speaks of the tormentors. Jesus speaks also of religious pharisees who heap burdens on people. But Jesus yoke is easy and light. Submission to Jesus is not a loss it is a gain...FREEDOM!!!

2. You get life: John 3:16 Not perishing but ever lasting life.
3. You get light: *"In Him was life, and the life was the light of men."* (John 1:4, NKJV)
4. You get living water. If you are thirsty, come and drink...*"He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."* (John 7:38, NKJV)

B. Fully Clothed

1. Nakedness covered. Genesis God makes skins to cover Adam and Eve.
2. Shame is covered. God covers our shame.
3. Guilt is removed. Stain of sin is removed! Not just clean but stain free!

C. In his right mind. A person not in their right mind is tormented. Depression, fear, anger, rejection, fear of rejection, etc. These are all tormentors. But this man is in his right mind. *"You've just heard Scripture make history. It came true just now in this place."*

1. Confusion is gone. Is 26:3 *You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!*
2. Fear is gone.
3. Rage is gone.
4. Torment is gone.

D. The image of God is restored to this man.

1. Satan from the very beginning in the Garden sought to destroy the image of God in man. By getting man to believe a lie and sin, he brought death to humanity body, soul, and spirit. Yet Jesus comes to restore..."You just heard scripture make history!"

E. He becomes a living testimony to God. 5:19. Go angello- to announce, proclaim.

1. He is restored to his family. *"Go home to your family!"* Tell them *"You've just heard Scripture make history. It came true just now in this place."*
2. He begins to show what Christ did and the mercy Christ showed him.

F. Peace! Peace is the greatest gift Christ gives this formerly demon possessed, demon tormented man.

III. Jesus Wants To Deliver You!

A. We live in a spiritual war zone. And your adversary the devil does not sleep. He is taking prisoners every day and fighting to destroy your home, your life and your destiny. But Jesus has come to give you life and set you free.

B. What must you do to be saved?

1. Acts 2:21 *Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved!*
2. Acts 2:38 Repent, be baptized, receive the Holy Spirit and activate the promises of God.

C. Fight back!!

1. Wash with the Word. Eph 5:26
2. Stay humble before God.
3. Cleanse your house.
 - a) Get rid of occult objects. Anything new age, spirit worship,
 - b) Break generational sins.
 - c) false idols. Buddha, hindu gods, greek gods, etc.
 - d) secret society objects: masons, books, literature,
4. Anoint your house with oil.

D. Why do this? To change the atmosphere of your home, marriage, family. You can create the atmosphere you live in. You have been given the authority to do that.

Conclusion:

- Receive Christ.
- Let's believe God to be set free today.