

sermon notes

Adam Casalino, Messiah Bible Church | Luke 4:14-30
July 5, 2026 | “When Good News is Bad News”

1) The Good News is _____ (Luke 4:14-21)

2) The Good News is _____ (Luke 4:22)

3) The Good News is _____ (Luke 4:23-26)

3) The Good News is _____ (Luke 4:27-30)

Questions for further application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Isaiah 61:1,2 in its context. What was God promising to Israel in this prophecy? Read Leviticus 25:8–17. What did the Year of Jubilee mean for ancient Israel? How does that promise inform your understanding of salvation in Christ?

GET PERSONAL

Consider what the people of Nazareth said about Jesus. They might have been judging him based on appearances and thus, rejected him as their savior. Have you done the same? Are you letting worldly views on Christ, salvation, or the Bible influence how you see the gospel?

What if Nazareth assumed they earned salvation because they knew Jesus? Do you think the same way? Are you trying to earn God’s love and favor through your works, behavior, or performance? Do you see grace as only the door “into” Christianity? What would it mean for you to accept God’s unmerited favor in every area of your life?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

The world wants us to walk by sight, not by faith. To overcome this, we must be more acquainted with what God says than what the world says. Are there worldly influences in your life that are filling you with anxiety, temptation, or doubt? What are they? If you can identify them, can you also remove them from your daily life? Can you replace those influences with daily meditation on the Scriptures?

Our flesh wants us to earn God’s love and help. But he only gives by grace, unmerited favor we cannot earn. Are there areas in your life where you are trying to earn God’s approval? Are there areas you think God won’t help unless you “perform”? Take some time to review passages on grace, such as Romans 4-6, Ephesians 2, and John 1:1-18. God provides abundant help when we acknowledge our dependence on him (see 2 Corinthians 12:9–10).