



SERMON NOTES
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Leaving Home

Luke 4:14-22

"You can't go home again." – Thomas Wolfe

Jesus returning to His hometown

JESUS AS LAYMAN

Ephesians 4:11-13

"laity" – laos (Greek) – "people"

- Filled with the Spirit (Acts 2:17)
- Committed to the Synagogue
- Comfortable with the Scripture
- Motivated by Sympathy
- Braced with inner Strength

JESUS AS LORD

"No prophet is ACCEPTED in his hometown" (v. 24)

Mark 6:4-6

⁴Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor." ⁵He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶And he was amazed at their lack of faith.

Scripture for today's sermon

Luke 4:14-22

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,

¹⁹to 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.