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Jesus Confronts Self-Righteousness

Luke 4:14-30

Stephen confronts Israel with the gospel:

Acts 7:37-41

This is that Moses who told the Israelites, ‘God will send you a prophet like me from your own people.’

He was in the assembly in the desert, with the angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers; and he received living words to pass on to us.

But our fathers refused to obey him. Instead, they rejected him and in their hearts turned back to Egypt.

They told Aaron, ‘Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who led us out of Egypt—we don’t know what has happened to him!’

That was the time they made an idol in the form of a calf. They brought sacrifices to it and held a celebration in honor of what their hands had made.

Acts 7:51-53

You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors. You always resist the Holy Spirit. Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him – you who have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it.

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Luke 4:14-15

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

Luke 4:18

The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
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The Power of the Holy Spirit in Christians

- Christians have the power of God.
- Christians have the mind of Christ.
- Christians have the assurance of fellowship with God.

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Psalm 40:16-17

But may all who seek you, rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say, “The Lord is great!” **But as for me, I am poor and needy;** may the Lord think of me. You are my help and my deliverer; you are my God, do not delay.

Luke 4:16-17

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

Luke 4:18-19

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the
prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of
the Lord’s favor.”

Luke 5:30-32

But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to the disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” Jesus answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

Matthew 4:17

From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

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Luke 4:20-23

Then 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. He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself!' And you will tell me, 'Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'"

Luke 4:24-27

“Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.”

Luke 4:28-30

All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

Typical responses to gospel confrontation

EMOTION	RESPONSE
ANGER	PERSECUTION
SADNESS	SULKING RESIGNATION
INDIFFERENCE	CONTINUATION
CONVICTION	REPENTENCE

Cultivating Conviction and Repentance

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| 1. Stop just listening to sermons. | 1. Expect to make some changes on a regular basis. |
| 2. Identify your problems. | 2. Don't let yourself slide. Make a plan to put sin to death. |

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Jesus confronts Nicodemus with the gospel

John 3:7 – Jesus tells Nicodemus he must be born again.

John 7:51-52 – Nicodemus defends Jesus' ministry saying: "Does our law condemn a man without first hearing him to find out what he has been doing?"

John 19:38-39 – Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus ask Pilate for Jesus' body to give him a proper burial.



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