

Isaiah 61:1 (Christmas 2012)

The Coming of the Anointed One

Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

There is something wrong on planet earth

- The broken-hearted
- The blind
- The bound
- The captives

And There is Good News

- Someone is coming to do something about it

He Has SENT Me

The idea of being SENT means I am on a mission - I have a purpose

- **EXAMPLE:** John the baptist was sent to prepare the way (Mark 1:2) "I will ***send*** my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way"

Christmas Day - Jesus Stepped On the Earth - D-Day for Satan

Luk 2:8-11 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. 10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ ***[the Messiah / The Anointed One]*** the Lord.

The 4000 year old prophecy is about to be fulfilled

- Gen 3:13-15 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." 14 So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. 15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; ***he will crush your head***, and you will strike his heel."

Satan even tried to kill him

- Mat 2:13-16 When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." 14 So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, 15 where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son." 16 When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and ***he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under***, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.

For the World - this is good news - a cause for great joy & hope

EXAMPLE: Freedom from concentration camps

The word of their deliverance came - HOPE and JOY abounded

He has been sent to these people

- To bind up the broken-hearted
 - To open the eyes of the blind
 - To open the prisons of those who are bound
 - To proclaim liberty to the captives
- 1 John 3:5 But you know that he **appeared** so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.
 - 1 John 3:8 The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God **appeared** was to destroy the devil's work.
 - 1 Peter 1:18-20 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, (19) but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. (20) He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was **revealed** in these last times for your sake.

The Spirit of the LORD is upon me;
The LORD has anointed me

It is the Spirit of the LORD that will accomplish this work

The Anointing & The Holy Spirit

- 1 Samuel 16:12-13 So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one." (13) So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on *the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully* upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

Jesus - anointed with the Holy Spirit and power

- Acts 10:37-38 You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached-- (38) how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and *healing all who were under the power of the devil.* because God was with him.

The Yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing

- Isa 10:27 And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

It is why he told His disciples to WAIT until they were endued with power from on high

- Act 1:4-5 & 8 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ... 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

To Bring good news to the *poor* [helpless afflicted humble]

- Psalms 10:12 Arise, LORD! Lift up your hand, O God. Do not forget the **helpless.**
- Psalms 10:17 You, LORD, hear the desire of the **afflicted**; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry,
- Psalms 76:8-9 From the heavens you uttered judgment; the earth feared and was still, (9) when God arose to establish judgment, to save all the **humble** of the earth. Selah

To bind up the *brokenhearted* - [pottery broken to shivers]

- **The backslider** Hosea 6:1 "Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds.
- **The Lost and Straying** Ezekiel 34:16 I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured [KJV the broken] and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.
- **Broken by this world** Psa 147:3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

To proclaim liberty to the **captives** - [prisoner of war]

EXAMPLE: WWII Think of the Jews deliverance from concentration camps...The word of their deliverance came - HOPE and JOY abounded

- Rom 6:20 - we were slaves to sin (He set us free)
- The Gadarene Demoniac - Luke 8:28-38
- Mary Magdalene out of whom He cast seven devils- Mar 16:9

READ THIS Luke 13:10-17 Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?"

Opening of Prison Isa 61 Recovering of sight to the blind Lk 4

The Hebrew word for Opening in Isaiah 61 comes from [*from H6491*] - It is used 20 times in the bible - 19 times to OPEN EYES (spiritually and physically) and 1 time OPEN EARS

- Mat 13:15-16 For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.' 16 But **blessed are your eyes because they see**, and your ears because they hear.

He came to the world at Christmas

- He came with a mission
- He came to change things - not just to live or fit in

He came to change my life

- I have heard the good news
- My eyes are open, I have believed the gospel - I have eternal life
- He has healed my broken heart
- He has freed me from Satan's grasp and bondage of a broken world

He uses me to bring this good news others

His mission continues

John 20:19-22 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. 21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! **As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.**" 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Isa 42:1-8 **Behold my servant**, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; **I have put my spirit upon him**: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. 2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. 3 A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. 4 **He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth**: and the isles shall wait for his law. 5 Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: 6 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, **and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles**; 7 **To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house**. 8 **I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another**, neither my praise to graven images.