

Jesus came that we might have life and have it abundantly

John 10:10 ESV The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. ***I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.***

- Sharp contrast between **HIS MISSION** and the purpose of the thief

The work Jesus did - to go against the work of the devil

Act 10:38 ESV how God **anointed** Jesus of Nazareth **with the Holy Spirit and with power**. He went about **doing good** and **healing** all who were **oppressed by the devil**, for ***God was with him.***

- Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and power- it was for a purpose
- Do **good**, and **heal** all who were oppressed by the **devil**
- It was a great contrast - he attacked the work of the DEVIL

TODAY is the fulfillment of this scripture - it describes the work of Jesus

Luk 4:17-21 ESV And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, 18 "**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me**, because he has anointed me to proclaim **good news to the poor**. He has sent me to proclaim **liberty to the captives** and recovering of **sight to the blind**, to set at **liberty those who are oppressed**, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." 20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 And he began to say to them, "**Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.**"

- Good news to the **poor (Gk = depressed)**
- Where are the **broken hearted?**
- Who are the **blind?**
- Who are the **captives?**
- Who are the **oppressed?**

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It is to the GLORY OF GOD to change us...look what the LORD wants to do INSTEAD of...

Isa 61:1-3 ESV 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**; 2 to proclaim the year of the **LORD's favor**, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who **mourn**; 3 to grant to those who mourn in Zion-- to give them a beautiful headdress ***instead*** of **ashes**, the oil of gladness ***instead*** of **mourning**, the garment of praise ***instead*** of a **faint spirit**; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, **that he may be glorified.**

Examples - Divine Encounters an immediate miraculous deliverance

Zacchaeus IMMEDIATELY and MIRACULOUSLY changed by a divine encounter

Luk 19:1-10 ESV He entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 And there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. 3 And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small of stature. 4 So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. 5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." 6 So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. 7 And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "**He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.**" 8 And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "**Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.**" 9 And Jesus said to him, "**Today salvation has come to this house,** since he also is a son of Abraham. 10 For **the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.**"

The man in the tombs was IMMEDIATELY and MIRACULOUSLY in his right mind

Luk 8:27-39 ESV When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city **who had demons**. For a long time **he had worn no clothes**, and he had not lived in a house but **among the tombs**. 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." 29 **For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man.** (For many a time it had seized him. He was **kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles**, but **he would break the bonds** and be driven by the demon into the desert.) 30 Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. 31 And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. 32 Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. 33 Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned. 34 When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. 35 Then people went out to see what had happened, and **they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid**. 36 And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. 37 Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. 38 The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 "**Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.**" And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

Freedom from the past is the reality of our salvation

2Co 5:17 ESV Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

- Are we walking in the freedom that Christ has given?

Recognizing the power of His spirit within us is critical to ongoing victory

Rom 8:6 & 10-11 ESV 6 For to set the mind on the flesh is **death**, but to set the mind on the Spirit is **life** and peace.....10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is **life** because of righteousness. **11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you**, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead **will also give life to your mortal bodies** through his Spirit who dwells in you.

- Jesus came that we might have LIFE...
- The mind set on the flesh is DEATH ... the mind set on the Spirit is LIFE
- His spirit dwells in us - for sure about resurrection - but also to GIVE LIFE TO THIS MORTAL BODY through His spirit

We who know and understand have a responsibility to carry on His work

Luk 10:8-9 ESV Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. 9 Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

John 14:12 ESV "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

John 20:21 ESV Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

Who is the message for?

- 1) To **those who have never known the freedom that is in Christ**. To make a decision to follow Jesus - it all begins there - a new creation
- 2) To those who have made a decision and **don't realize the power of the work of Christ NOW in this MORTAL body** to give us LIFE and LIFE ABUNDANTLY --- to recognize the SAME spirit that raised Christ dwells IN YOU
- 3) I am speaking to Christians who have received a commission from Jesus **to take the message of His kingdom** which is a message of freedom to this lost, dying and hurting world.

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