

**Ambassadors of Good**

Message Scripture: Luke 4:16-21; Isaiah 61:1-3

**Luke 4:16-21** *New International Version (NIV)*

<sup>16</sup> 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, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

<sup>18</sup> **“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, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”**

<sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

**Isaiah 61:1-3** *New International Version (NIV)*

<sup>1</sup> **The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, <sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, <sup>3</sup> and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.**

**The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,**

- **because JESUS has anointed me,**
- **to proclaim good news to the poor.**
- **He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,**
- **to proclaim freedom for the captives,**
- **and recovery of sight for the blind,**
- **to set the oppressed free,**
- **to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor,**
- **to proclaim the day of vengeance of our God,**
- **to comfort all who mourn,**
- **to provide for those who grieve,**

**Jesus will, . .**

bestow on us **a crown of beauty** instead of ashes, **the oil of joy** instead of mourning, **and a garment of praise** instead of a spirit of despair.

**We will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.**

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