

“This Scripture Has Been Fulfilled”

#17 | Luke 4:14-30

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WARMING UP

1. The question “what happens when an unstoppable force meets an immovable object?” is something called a logical fallacy. Can you think of any other examples?

DIGGING IN

2. *God’s Word cannot be stopped!* Look at Isaiah 55:11 and Hebrews 4:12. What is the purpose(s) of the Scriptures? What is unique about God’s Word that makes it unstoppable in our lives? When have you experienced this personally?
3. *Even if you accept only the celebrity of Jesus (4:14-15).* Who is your favourite current celebrity and why? In what way(s) do many people see Jesus as nothing more than a celebrity? How is this perspective insufficient and even insulting?
4. *Even if you have wrong ideas regarding Jesus (4:16-20).* How would the people from “where [Jesus] had been brought up” likely have viewed him (see also 4:22b)? How does this mesh—or not—with the content of the Isaiah quotes? What is the social gospel, and how could this Messianic prophecy be mistaken for it? Why is the here-and-now focus of the social gospel small-minded? How are Jesus’ stated purposes of preaching the good news (4:16) and sacrificing his own life (Mark 10:45) related?
5. *Even if you have doubts about Jesus (4:21-22).* Bearing in mind that Jesus’ audience is living against their will under Roman occupation, what is their hope for him? Why does doubt creep in for them? What uncertainties do we sometimes have about Jesus? How does he cut through out doubt?
6. *Even if you are openly hostile toward Jesus (4:23-30).* How does Jesus go from hero to heretic in a few short verses? What point does Jesus make in 4:25-27 with the two Old Testament stories? Why is this hard for his audience to hear? How can we become fickle and flip-flop in our attitude toward Jesus?

BREAKING OUT

7. Pastor Todd said, “God’s Word proclaimed in the power of God’s Spirit by God’s Son is an unstoppable force.” The only question is whether we will fight it or surrender to it. What is your posture right now? How can you allow the Scriptures to be fulfilled in your life to a greater degree? What part can your small group members play in seeing this happen?

