

JESUS IS...

A perspective view of a suspension bridge with a metal grate deck, leading towards a central tower and surrounded by dense green and autumn-colored trees.

WELCOME TO LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH
JANUARY 22, 2017

LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Sunday, January 22

- 9:00AM Morning Coffee
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration
- 11:00AM Foundations Classes
- 6:00PM International Student Ministries Mtg

Monday, January 23

- 6:00PM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

Tuesday, January 24

- 7:00PM High School Youth Group

Wednesday, January 25

- 6:30PM AWANA

Thursday, January 26

- 7:00PM Junior High Youth Group

Friday, January 27

- 6:30AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, January 28

- 9:00AM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

Sunday, January 29

- 9:00AM Morning Coffee
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration
- 11:00AM Foundations Classes

MISSIONS

<http://www.lbac.org/missions>

Join us for Perspectives & Serving the World!

GROWTH GROUPS

<http://www.lbac.org/gg>

Mid-week Bible Studies for all Adults

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

<http://www.lbac.org/children>

Sunday Mornings

Gospel Project @ 9:00AM & 10:45AM

AWANA

<http://www.lbac.org/awana>

Wednesdays through May 6:30PM-8:30PM

YOUTH MINISTRIES

<http://www.lbac.org/youth>

JH & HS Foundations ~ Sundays @ 10:45AM

HS Core Groups ~ Tuesdays @ 7:00PM

JH Core Groups ~ Thursdays @ 7:00PM

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

<http://www.lbac.org/women>

Woman To Woman Mentoring

Contact: sherylynne@lbac@gmail.com

Lydia House Meals Ministry

Contact: robbi@apabrandu.com

Women Connecting with Missions

3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00PM

Crafty Women

2nd Saturday of each month @ 10:00AM

MEN'S MINISTRIES

<http://www.lbac.org/men>

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The Rejection of Christ in Nazareth

LBAC • January 22, 2017 • Elder John Carriveau

Luke 4:14-30

Reflection on the Temptation of Christ

Intro: The Context

- So far in Luke 1-3:
 - We find the most detailed account of the birth of Jesus
 - The only account of Jesus as young boy
 - The ministry of John the Baptist
 - A short summary (2 verses) of the baptism of Jesus
 - A long genealogy of Christ
- We then find in chapter 4 the temptation of Christ, followed by our passage.
- This is the most comprehensive account of Jesus in Nazareth
 - Matthew 4 verses and Mark has 6 verses. cf. Matthew 13:54-58; *Mark 6:1-6*
- I highlight this because of Luke's emphasis of the passage
 - For Luke, the most important thing to emphasize at the very beginning of Jesus' public ministry was that He was rejected by His own countrymen.

Verses 14-15

- Jesus' ministry began in Galilee. He taught and did miracles, and was received and praised by all.

Verses 16-21

- But then Jesus comes to the village he grew up in. Population at the time 400-500 max.
- He read from Isaiah 61:1-2a, a Messianic Prophecy He's about to apply to Himself
 - The 1st thing He says is that God's Spirit has anointed Him to preach the Gospel.
 - Think about that... God's Son was anointed by the Holy Spirit (baptism)
 - God's Son NEEDED to be anointed with the Holy Spirit to minister...
 - If Jesus NEEDED the anointing of the HS, do you think WE do in our serving??
 - But God's anointing is not just for preachers.
 - Aaron > Priest; David > King; Prophets; Oil of Gladness; All Christians generally; Christians with knowledge.
 - Let's get "selfish" and Covet the anointing of God on all of us as we minister.
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- As Jesus continues He speaks of the Gospel preached to the POOR.
 - Is He speaking of the physically poor?
 - Yes and No: Remember the beatitudes? "poor is spirit"
 - Is there any virtue in being poor? NO
 - Was the purpose of Jesus coming to release of people from jail? To heal blind people? To free people from physical oppression?
 - He healed the blind to show people that they are spiritually blind.
 - He cast out demons to show people that Satan is real.
- Finally Jesus quotes phrase, "to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."
 - We are living in the "day of salvation", the time of mercy.

Verses 22-30

- Speaking of those who rejected Him...
- After Jesus says in verse 21: "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Verse 22 starts out positively... but then the tide begins to change.
 - "Is not this Joseph's son?"
 - The reaction of Jesus seems on the surface to be a bit extreme, but Jesus sees their hearts, and we get insight into their hearts from Mark 6:3:
 - Their attitude: Who does he think he is? He's just the carpenter. He's just like us.
 - Jesus also sensed that they wanted to see miracles before they would believe.
 - But, that's not how it works
 - In their rage, because of their pride, because of their self righteousness, they, like the Pharisees try to kill Jesus then and there. Verses 28-30
 - Why? When the light of Christ exposes the corruption of the human heart it lashes out to extinguish the light so they don't have to face what is really in them. John 3:19-20
 - But it was not Jesus' time yet.

This passage gives us insight into what may be in the hearts of those closest to us who don't love Jesus.

So, He tells us the truth: Matthew 10:16:

But it also highlights the wonderful promises of salvation, healing, understanding and freedom that our Savior has been anointed to give. Verses 18-19

Do you believe it? Proclaim it!
Have you been freed? Live it!

Do you see it? Show it!
Are you loved? Share it!

Growth Group Guide

Week #3 • Luke 4:14-30



Ice Breaker

- Have you attended a High School reunion? Why or why not? If so, how was the experience?

In-Depth

Read Luke 4:14-30

- Discuss what you learned from this week's sermon.
1. Verse 16: Jesus (and those who followed him) spent a lot of time in synagogues. What was a synagogue and how did they work? [A little on-line research would be helpful: Google "synagogues in the new testament"]
 2. Verses 17-21: Jesus said "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Walk through verses 18-19 and explain how this was true:
 - A. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me and has anointed me
 - B. To proclaim good news to the poor
 - C. To proclaim liberty to the captives/set free the oppressed
 - D. Recovering of sight to the blind



E. To proclaim the year of the Lord's favor

3. Read Mark 6:1-4. What was the crowd's reaction to Jesus? Why?

4. Verses 23-27: Jesus' response to them is pretty harsh. What is Jesus' point in each of these statements:

A. You will quote me the proverb, "Physician, heal yourself"

B. No prophet is acceptable in his hometown

C. Elijah and Elisha

Making It Relevant

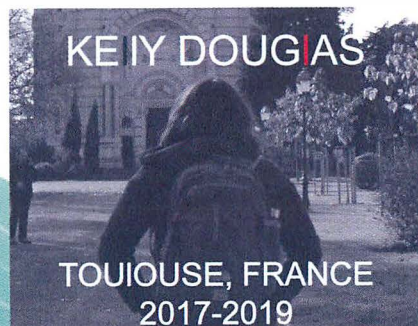
A modern proverb says "Familiarity breeds contempt."

1. What are some areas in your spiritual life where familiarity might breed contempt, like the Nazarenes?

2. What about in our relationships with others?

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NOT WINTER CAMP

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Friday, February 24 4:00PM to
Saturday, February 25 8:00PM
@ Long Beach Rescue Mission
sign-ups close February 16

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LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

Budget	Required	Received	Budget %
Weekly:	\$12,236.37	\$10,164.53	83.1%
Month-to-Date:	\$36,709.11	\$21,464.07	58.5%
Year-to-Date:	\$256,963.77	\$237,393.48	92.4%
Disbursed YTD: \$222,308.36 GOF Balance: \$15,705.96			