

# JESUS

through the eyes of...

## Week of March 19 – The Hometown<sup>1</sup>

### **Overview:**

Who do *you* see when you look at Jesus? Teacher? Miracle worker? Divine Son of God? All of these? Our view of Jesus is shaped by our own perspective, our church history, and our study of scripture. Over the next several weeks, we will view Jesus from Luke's perspective, through the eyes of some of the enemies he faced while on earth. We pray that as you see Jesus in fresh ways, you are drawn to follow Jesus more closely and become more like him every day.<sup>2</sup>

### **Group Objectives:**

***Relationships and Life Transformation are the primary purpose of community groups***

- Reflect on this past Sunday's message and other devotional reading.
- Pray together and provide encouragement for other group members.
- Discuss how Jesus' course of action left the Jews with unmet expectations and what expectations we might have toward God.

### **DNA statement(s) tie-in:**

- *We are all for Jesus* – Jesus saves us from our past, remakes us to be like him, heals our broken places, and is coming back as our king.

### **Conversation Starters:**

- Share about a time you had unmet expectations or about a time that your expectations were met, but something was still missing.

### **Listening to God**

- Where did you see God at work last week? How were you able to join him?

### **Learning from God's Word: Bible Study Discussion**

- ***Read Luke 4:14-30***
  - What does Jesus claim about himself? How do the people respond initially?
  - What does Jesus say that causes the people to want to kill him (see Luke 4:25-27)? What do you think Jesus was implying with these statements?
  - In v. 15, "everyone praised [Jesus]" and in v. 22, "all spoke well of him and were amazed." Yet in v. 28, they were all furious. What do you think caused the shift in attitude toward Jesus?

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<sup>1</sup> This week's lesson was written by Cameron Booze and edited by Dawn Gentry.

<sup>2</sup> For a monthly reading and devotional guide to accompany this series in Luke, go to [cccomaha.info](http://cccomaha.info).

- **Read Isaiah 61:1-7**

- Jesus quotes the first two verses of Isaiah 61 in Luke 4. What does he leave out? Why do you think he leaves out the end of verse 2?
- Based on this passage, what do you think the Jews would have expected from Jesus? How might Jesus' statements in Luke 4:25-27 conflict with these expectations?

**Leaning into Obedience:**

- What do you expect from God? How might these expectations keep you from seeing what God is currently doing in your life?
- If you've been following Jesus a long time, you might sometimes be tempted to think of yourself as a "chosen insider" and consider others as "outsiders." If that causes you to think of an "outsider" in your life, take some time this week to pray for them. Better yet, offer to buy them coffee and hear more of their story. You might find that God wants to speak to you through them.
- How do you sense God calling you to respond to this passage?
  - Is there an example to follow? A command to obey?
- How can the group encourage you this week as you respond?

**Prayer Prompts:**

- Invite members of the group to share personal prayer requests.
- Allow time for silent reflection on the following questions.

*Do I trust that God is good and sovereign even when circumstances work out differently than I expected?*
- Option: Read Philippians 4:6-7 over your group.

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*