

***It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.***

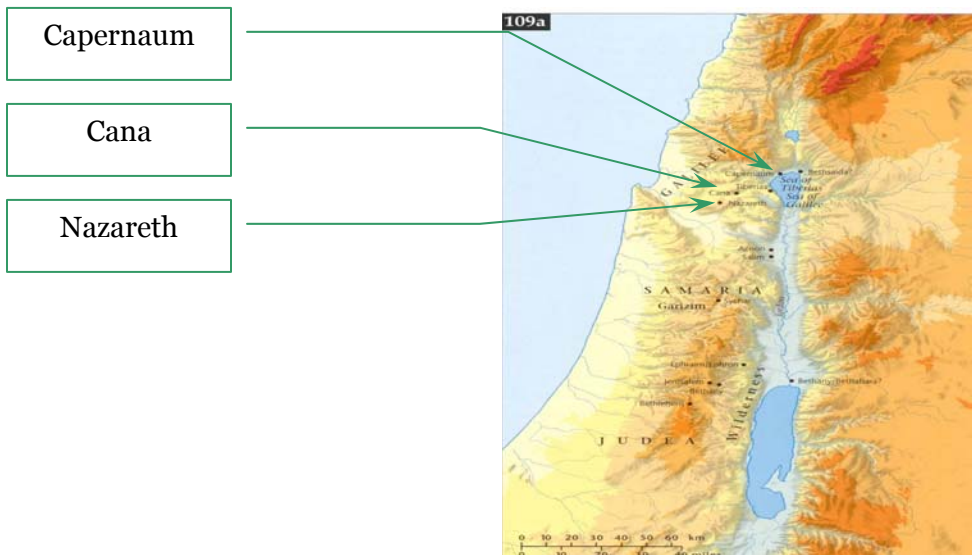
If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (**1 John 1:9**).

**Luke 4:16-19** (in review)

**16** And He came to **Nazareth**, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read.

**17** And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him, and He opened the scroll and found the place where it was written, (Compare **Isaiah 61:1-2** with vv. **18-19** below)

**18** “THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, **19** TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD.”



The phrase written in **Isaiah 61:2b**, but not read by the Lord was - “**And the day of vengeance of our God.**” The Lord did not come to proclaim vengeance (a judgment via the *baptism with fire*). He came to save (**John 12:47**), so at that point He stopped reading and closed the scroll.

**Luke 4:20**

**20** And He closed the **scroll**, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him.

*In vv. 18-19 He read,*

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- It is a “favorable year of the Lord” because the light of Messiah is dawning on all who are sitting in darkness.

<sup>21</sup> And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

<sup>22</sup> And all were speaking well of Him, and **wondering** at the gracious words which were falling from His lips;

“**Wondering**” – θαυμάζω – “*admiring or marveling*” in their souls.

... and they were saying, “Is this not Joseph’s son?”

<sup>23</sup> And He said to them, “No doubt **you will quote** this proverb to Me . . .

“**You will quote**” - ε πον - The people from His hometown “*will say*” this to Him in the future

‘Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we heard was done at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.’ ”

<sup>24</sup> And He said, “Truly I say to you, no prophet is welcome in his hometown.

Pastors, as well as any born-again believer, are often labeled for who they were – not who they are in light of their salvation.

**POD** (for any communicator) - Effective ministry is conducted outside of one’s hometown.

**The Lord continues - -**

<sup>25</sup> “But I say to you in truth, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, when a great famine came over all the land; <sup>26</sup> and yet Elijah was sent to none of them, but only to Zarephath, *in the land* of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.

<sup>27</sup> “And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.”

People speaking well of you as a communicator is not an indicator of positive volition; however, acceptance of reproof and correction with transformation is an indicator of true positive volition.

Verse 28-

<sup>28</sup> And all *the people* in the synagogue were filled with rage as they heard these things;

<sup>29</sup> and they got up and drove Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city had been built, in order to throw Him down the cliff.

<sup>30</sup> But **passing through their midst**, He went His way.

“**Passing through their midst**” - διελθ ν δι μέσου α τ ν

- He was functioning “**by means of the strength/power of the Spirit.**”

**POD or POA** - The Lord will protect those who walk in dependence upon the Mentorship of God the Holy Spirit.

- When you are being led by the Spirit, God will protect you from those who are negative.

He passes through the middle of them by means of the Spirit and “**He went His way**”.

**POD** - Rejection of reproof and correction is the communicator's order for a change of duty station.

- It is God's way of telling you it's time to move on!
- Your ministry does not stop – only those to whom you minister will change.

**Jesus returns to Capernaum - -**

**31** And He came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, (He had already settled His family there) and He was teaching them on the Sabbath;

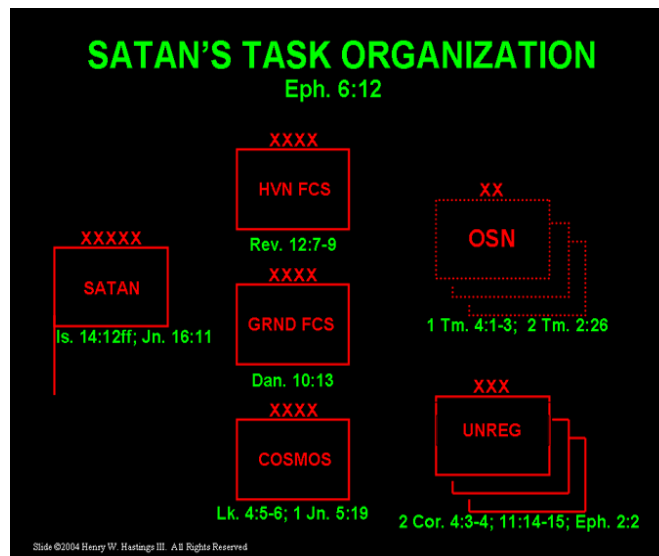
**32** and they were amazed at His teaching (**διδασχῆ** - doctrine), **because** His message was with authority.

- He is **teaching** with authority and conviction.
- He is **preaching** with authority and conviction.

What is His message?

**“Repent, because the kingdom of heaven is on the brink of being instituted.” (Corrected Translation from Matt. 4:17)**

In the middle of teaching the Lord experiences an attack from Satan's Task Organization.



This is an attempt to derail the momentum that is developing in the ministry.

$$p=mv$$

Momentum = Mass x Velocity

**33** In the synagogue there was a man **possessed** by the spirit of an unclean demon. . .

**“Possessed”** - **χω** – “To have or to hold”

**Definition of Demonic Possession** - When a demon takes up residence (indwells) in a person and manifests control over that person. This can only occur in an unbeliever.

. . . and he cried out with a loud voice,

**34** “Let us alone! - - What business do we have with each other, **Jesus the Nazarene?** Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!”

***Jesus demonstrates His authority over the angelic realm - -***

<sup>35</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in the midst of the people, he came out of him without doing him any harm.

<sup>36</sup> And amazement came upon them all, and they began talking with one another saying, "What is this message? For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits and they come out." <sup>37</sup> And the report about Him was spreading into every locality in the surrounding district.

**- - Preview of Coming Attractions - -**

**Matthew 4:17-20**

(17) From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

(18) Now as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

(19) And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

(20) Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.

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