

DESPISED & REJECTED

(01/19/2025; Life Group; Luke 4:14-30; Richie Pendred; Christ Proclamation Church)

Sermon Theme: Jesus fulfills the Messianic promise to liberate captives and to heal the spiritually blind; however, He was despised and rejected by those He came to save. Therefore, we must own our rejection, respond rightly to our Savior, and embrace the cost of living for His glory.

I. Embraced by Strangers – Read Luke 4:14-15

- A. What critical events have occurred before this passage to prepare the way for Jesus' ministry in Luke 4:14?
- B. What is the significance of Jesus returning "in the power of the Spirit"?
- C. Why is Jesus glorified by all in Galilee? How is the ministry of Jesus an encouragement to us as we minister the gospel throughout our everyday lives?

II. Rejected at Home – Read Luke 4:16-30

- A. Read Luke 4:18-19. What observations do you make about the prophecy from Isaiah 61?
- B. According to verses 18-19, what is the purpose of the Messiah? What is the "year of the Lord's favor"? What's its significance?
- C. How do we know the crowd's astonishment isn't a demonstration of faith but rejection?
- D. How would you interpret verses 25-27? Do you think that Jesus' rebuke was warranted? Why or why not?
- E. What is your reaction to Nazareth's complete rejection of Jesus in verses 28-30?

III. Response to Jesus - Application

- A. How would you assess your response to the Lord Jesus?
- B. What does it look like to embrace Christ daily?
- C. Read Luke 6:22 and Luke 10:16. How do these passages inform us about embracing the cost of living for the glory of God?
- D. How might you like to grow in embracing the cost of following Jesus this month?