



The Humility of Jesus' Messianic Anointing  
*3rd in the Series, "Humbly Following Humble Jesus"*  
 Luke 3:21-22; 4:16-30  
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"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, and freedom to prisoners; to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord, **and the day of vengeance of our God**; to comfort all who mourn." (*Isaiah 61:1-2*)

● **(Luke 2:39-52) The 30 years between Jesus' birth and His baptism by John were filled with the humility of hiddenness and these specific humbling choices:**

- 1. He became a refugee as an infant when his parents had to flee His homeland because the Jewish King Herod tried to kill Him.
- 2. He grew up in the very humble circumstances of Galilee of the Gentiles, far from places of comfort, power, and sophistication, even from a Jewish perspective.
- 3. He not only was identified with the disrespected town of Nazareth, but He likely lived His whole life with the slurs and allegations that He was illegitimate, "the so-called son of Joseph."
- 4. He humbly chose to go through all of the developmental stages of childhood and young adulthood while submitting to His godly, simple parents and remaining in their home until He was around 30 years old (*Luke 3:23*).

● **(Luke 3:21-22) Even His Spirit-anointing as the Messiah, "the Anointed One," was drenched in the humility of identifying with repentant sinners when He submitted to John's baptism.**

➤O.T. passages about the Spirit-anointing of "the Anointed One":  
 Isaiah 11:1-5; \*42:1-4; 48:12-16; 59:20-21; \*61:1-3

➤O.T. passages similar to "Thou art my beloved Son, in Thee I am well-pleased":  
 Psalm 2:7 and \*Isaiah 42:1-4

➤**Luke 3:23-38** – the confirming significance of Jesus' genealogy back to Adam (through Mary) at this point in the narrative

● **(Luke 4:16-30) Jesus' sermon in the Nazareth synagogue about His Spirit-anointing confirms the Spirit-empowered purpose of His present Messianic ministry.**

➤He focuses on Isaiah 61:1-2 and leaves out one of the Jews' best-loved clauses.

➤Jesus implicitly announces the beginning of "the favorable year of the Lord" (the end-of-the-age Jubilee) for all peoples!

➤**Luke 4:24-27** – He illustrates that His Messianic ministry has precedent in and continuity with Elijah's and Elisha's ministries to Gentiles.

➤**Luke 4:28-29** – Jesus' hometown folks are enraged at His assertion that He is the Messiah, Who was anointed by the Spirit for a universal ministry.

**The Significance to Us:**

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- 1. **Everything (!) Jesus did in His ministry was through His reliance upon the Holy Spirit's power!!**
- 2. **Anything of value we do in our ministries is through our reliance upon the Holy Spirit's power!!**