

CrossWalk **notes**

Investigating Jesus – The Gospel of Luke

Rejection in Nazareth

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³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. **Luke 12:34, NIV**

How does Jesus get my heart in the right place?

¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. **Luke 4:14-15, NIV**

Jesus _____ us.

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: ¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” [a] ²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” **Luke 4:16-21, NIV**

Jesus is the _____, who cleans up our _____.

²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked. **Luke 4:22, NIV**

²³ Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’” ²⁴ “Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown.

²⁵ I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. ²⁶ Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. ²⁷ And there were many in Israel with leprosy [b] in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian. **Luke 4:23-27, NIV**

²⁸ All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way. **Luke 4:28-30, NIV**

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¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions... ¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. **Psalm 51:1, 10-12, NIV**

He heals my sin-sick heart by giving me a heart
_____.

MEMORY VERSE

²¹ He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." **Luke 4:21, NIV**

My next step: I will trust that Jesus, the Messiah, cleans up the mess of my sin, and heals me by giving me a heart transplant through the power of the Spirit.

What's your next step?

Mark it on your connect card.

Questions for reflection:

Read Luke 4:14-30 again.

- 1) What stands out to you about this account?
- 2) Has there ever been a truth from God's Word that you had a hard time accepting? Why or why not?
- 3) Why is it good news that Jesus gets us and understands our struggle with sin?
- 4) How does Jesus get your heart in the right place?