

Anointed to Preach Good News to the Poor

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"And He (Jesus) came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and, as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and **stood up for to read**. And there was given unto Him the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written, '***The Spirit of the Lord (God) is upon Me, because He has Anointed Me to Preach the Good-News to the Poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord'*** (Isaiah 61:1-2). And (after reading) He closed the book, and He gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all those who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say unto them, '**Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.**' And everyone bore Him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth." (Luke 4:16-22)

"And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding His twelve disciples, He departed from there **to teach and to preach** in their cities. Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, and said unto Him, 'Are You **He** who should come, or do we look for another?' Jesus answered and said unto them, 'Go and tell John again those things which you **do hear and see**: '*The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk'* (Isaiah 35:5-6), the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and **the poor have the Good-news preached to them.**" (Matthew 11:1-6)

Anointed: from the Greek word ***echrisen*** which means: he-has-anointed; from ***chrio*** which means: to anoint; to consecrate by anointing; as with oil; or in context Jesus is being divinely-authorized and anointed, by the Spirit of God 'upon Him' for the purpose of preaching the Good-News to the Poor; "in the N. T. used only figuratively, of God consecrating Jesus to the Messianic office, and furnishing Him with powers necessary for its administration;" (Thayer's Greek Lexicon).

to-Preach-Good-tidings: from the Greek word ***Euangelisasthai*** a verb which means: to preach good-news, to evangelize; from ***euaggelizo*** a noun which means: a good announcement; good-news, or glad-tidings; (in KJ version 'gospel'); (after Jesus ascended into heaven applied to believers sharing the full 'Gospel' of Christ with all people.

To-the-Poor: from the Greek word ***ptochois*** which means: unto-the-poor; referring to those who are afflicted with poverty, or destitute; or spiritually poor either in a good sense (humble & devout people), or in a bad sense (spiritually dead, or ignorant of needful spiritual things). In context: mostly the common people who were 'as sheep without a shepherd' (see [Matthew 9:36](#)).

Teach & Preach: ***didaskein*** to teach: direct & admonish; ***keryssein*** to preach: proclaim & herald; especially in regards to the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ.

In context from Isaiah:

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD (Yahweh) is upon Me; because the LORD (Yahweh) has **Anointed Me to Preach Good-tidings unto the Poor**; He (the Father) has sent Me (Jesus) to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison (freedom) to those who are bound (ie.. prisoners). To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to appoint unto those who mourn in Zion: to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; so that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting (garden) of the LORD, so that **He** might be glorified." (Isaiah 61:1-3) (The same Hebrew words used here in Isaiah have the same essential meaning as the Greek words defined above.)

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The purpose and goals of the 'Gospel' of Christ Jesus:

“Now when Jesus had heard that John (the Baptist) was cast into prison, He departed into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth He came and lived in Capernaum, which is by the sea (lake Galilee), in the borders of Zebulon and Naphtali; so that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, *'The land of Zebulon, and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the lake, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; the people who sat in darkness saw Great Light; and to those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned'* ([Isaiah 9:1-2](#)). From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, **'Repent: for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.'** ([Matthew 4:12-17](#)) (see also [Mark 1:14-15](#))

“And when it was day, He (Jesus) departed and went into a deserted place; and the people sought Him, and came unto Him, and tried to keep Him, so that He would not depart from them. But He said unto them, **'I must preach the Kingdom of God to other cities also: for this purpose I have been sent.'** And He preached in the synagogues of Galilee.” ([Luke 4:42-44](#)).

“And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at mealtime in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto His disciples, 'Why does your Master eat with publicans and sinners?' But when Jesus heard that, He said unto them, 'Those who are whole do not need a physician, but those who are sick do. But go you and learn what that means, *'I will have mercy, and not sacrifice'* ([Hosea 6:6](#)); for I have not come to call the righteous, **but sinners to repentance.**” ([Matthew 9:10-13](#)) (see also [Mark 2:15-17](#))

“Jesus cried and said, 'He who believes on Me, believes not on Me, but on Him (the Father) who sent Me. And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. **I have come as a Light into the world, so that whoever believes on Me should not abide in darkness.** And if any man hear My words, and believes not, I judge him not; for I came not to judge the world, but to **save the world**. He who rejects Me, and receives not My words, has one that judges him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the Last Day. For I have not spoken of Myself; but **the Father who sent Me, He** gave Me the commandment, of what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that His commandment is Life Everlasting; whatever I speak (preach & teach) therefore, even as the Father said unto Me, so I speak.” ([John 12:44-50](#))

Concerning His own preachings and teachings Jesus said the following:

“Therefore whoever hears **these words of Mine**, and does them, I will liken him unto a wise man, who built his house upon a rock; And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it did not fall; for it was founded upon rock. And every one who hears **these words of Mine**, and does not do them, shall be compared unto a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell; and great was the fall of it. And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended **these words**, the people were astonished at **His teaching**; for **He taught them** as one having authority.” ([Matthew 7:24-29](#))

“ 'As the living Father has sent Me, and I live through the Father; so also he who **eats Me** (the **Word** made flesh), even he **shall live through Me**. This is **that Bread** which came down from Heaven; not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead; he who eats of **this Bread** shall live forever.' These things **He said** in the synagogue, **as he taught** in Capernaum. Therefore, many of His disciples, when they had heard this, said, 'This is an hard saying; who can hear it?' When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples murmured at it, He said unto them, 'Does this offend you? And What if you shall see **the Son of Man** ascend up to where He was before (in Heaven)? It is the Spirit who makes alive; the flesh profits nothing: **the words that I speak unto you** (His teachings & preaching), **they are spirit, and they are life.**” ([John 6:57-63](#))

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Another goal: Jesus is now in Heaven seated at the Right Hand of God the Father. In His place on earth He has entrusted the future preaching His Good-News to His disciples! Please consider the following:

“And Jesus came and spoke unto them (His disciples), saying, 'All power is given unto Me in Heaven and in earth. Therefore, Go you **and teach all nations**, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age. Amen.” ([Matthew 28:19-20](#))

The 'End of the Age' shall not come until the Good-News of Christ Jesus, and of the Kingdom of God, has been preached to all nations. Please consider the following:

“And as He (Jesus) sat upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples came unto Him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of Your (2nd) coming, and of the end of the world?' And Jesus answered and said unto them, 'Take heed that no man deceives you. For many shall come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ;' and shall deceive many. And you shall hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, **but the end is not yet**. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in various places. All these are **the beginning of sorrows**. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you; and you shall be hated by all nations for **My Name's sake**. And then many shall be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, **the love of many shall wax cold**. But he who shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. **And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations;** and then shall the end come.” ([Matthew 24:3-14](#))

It is evident from these prophetic words of Jesus, that even to the end of the age there will be people who reject the Good-News of Christ Jesus; and that they shall hate, persecute, and kill true followers of Jesus. Please also consider the following:

“But if our Good-News is hid, it is hid to those who are lost; In whom the god (satan) of this world has blinded the minds of those who do not believe, lest the **Light of the Glorious Good-News of Christ**, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we **preach** not ourselves, **but Christ Jesus the Lord**; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded **the Light** to shine out of darkness, has **shined in our hearts**, to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God **in the face of Jesus Christ**.” ([2 Corinthians 4:3-6](#))

Jesus was Anointed by the Father to Preach Good News to the Poor

Jesus called upon the people to repent !
Jesus proclaimed Himself to be 'Light into the world' ...
so that whoever believes on Him should not abide in darkness !
Jesus preached to the people the Good-News of the Kingdom of God !
And He commissioned His disciples the preach this Good-News to all Nations !

All Power and Authority are yours Lord Jesus – even forever !
Empower us through your Holy Spirit to spread the Glorious Good-News
to all nations, and all people – even to the end of the age !!

All Praise and Honor and Glory to You Lord Jesus !!