

There are many places in the New Testament where the writer shows us that Jesus is fulfilling an Old Testament prophecy.

There are a few cases where Jesus recorded during His ministry where He specifically identifies Himself in the Old Testament.

These are key to showing us how to read the Old Testament in general.

Context

1] Jesus is at the very start of Jesus ministry.

2] He has been baptised by John and received the Gift of the Holy Spirit down near Jerusalem. (3:21,22)

The situation (16-18)

1] His return from Jerusalem

He returns to back to Galilee, - 'in the power of the Spirit and He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all' (4:14,15)

Nb No healing yet?

Glorified by all – cf in Luke only other use is i.e., 'glorified God' (4:15; 5:26; 7:16; 13:13; 17:15; 23:47)

2] the location - Nazareth(16a)

Nb His home town (2:39,40)

3] the day (16b)

Nb the Sabbath – 'as was His custom' i.e., keeping the Sabbath

Cf obeying the Law (1:9; 2:27; 2:42; 4:16)

Note Jesus obeyed / fulfilled the Law

4] the event (16c,17)

Nb a leader could as a distinguished visitor to read (stand) then sit (teach)

God is able to order every detail of life cf which book He was given

Trust God to hand you what you need at the right time!

The Scripture (18,19 - Is 61:1,2)

1] The Spirit of the Lord is upon me

I.e., The enabling of the Lord for His work

Nb 'The Spirit of the Lord' (OT phrase = Jdg 3:10 --- Mic 3:8)

2] He has anointed me

nb symbol of God's choice – e.g., as priest (Ex29:29), and King (2 Sam 5:3)

3] bring good news to the poor

Cf that I may preach there also for that is what I came for (Mk 1:38)
Cf 'good news – to Zechariah (1:19) shepherds (2:10) people (3:18)
- by Jesus (4:43)

4] The message – 2 proclamations (announcements)

a) proclaim

1) liberty for the captives

Cf those imprisoned in this 'body of death' (Rom 7:24)?

God promises release from sin

2) sight for the blind

cf the God of this world blinded

3) Release from the oppressed

Cf The prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me. (Jn 12:31)

Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins (Matt 1:21)

b) proclaim the year of the Lord's favour

nb year of Lord's favours (only ref Is 61:2)

Jubilee – debts cancelled - return to your family property and to your own clan that God has given you (Lev 25:10ff)

** GRACE Freedom from sin is a gift of God's favour. **

** Note - You may repossess all that God has given you* (What is that? Read your Bible!)*

The application (20,21)

1] Rolled up the scroll gave it back to the attendant and sat down

Cf He sat down and taught the people from the boat (5:3)

I.e., He was about to teach – 'He taught them as one who had authority' (Mk 1:22)

2] the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him

I.e., they were ready to listen.

God's authority commands attention

3] He said 'today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing'

*I.e., "The Spirit of the Lord is upon **ME**..."*

Cf this Scripture must be fulfilled in me (22:37)

Freedom from sin is available today

Conclusion

1] Jesus is the fulfilment of the Old Testament prophecies

2] **Today** Jesus announces is the day of release from all your debts

MP *Jesus, acknowledged by the people, starts to fulfil God's gracious promise to free His people from their sin*

KV *Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing (21)*