

Pentecost

Luke 4:14-21; 9:1-6; 24:45-49

What defined the life and ministry of Jesus?

- "14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. 15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. 16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. 17 And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,
 - 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
 - because he has anointed me
 - to proclaim good news to the poor.
 - He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
 - and recovering of sight to the blind,
 - to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."
 - **20** And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. **21** And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:14–21).
- The Power & authority of the Holy Spirit
 - "To study the life and work of Jesus in the Gospels is to see the person and work of the Holy Spirit in him" (Fred Sanders, *The Holy Spirit*, 95).
 - Jesus is the Messiah who proclaims and inaugurates the kingdom of God.
- Jesus' life and ministry was defined by the power and authority of the Holy Spirit.

What came to define the life and ministry of the apostles?

- And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, 2 and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. 3 And he said to them, "Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics. 4 And whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. 5 And wherever they do not receive you, when you leave that town shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them." 6 And they departed and went through the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere (Luke 9:1–6).
- The Power & authority of the Holy Spirit
 - Jesus power and authority becomes their power and authority.
 - "Pentecost is inescapably about power" (Emilio Alvarez, Pentecost, 4).
- The apostles' life and ministry was defined by the power and authority of the Holy Spirit.

45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:45–49).

- What will define your life?
 - Live out of the power and authority of Jesus that is yours through the Holy Spirit.
 - "Experiencing the power of God the Holy Spirit is not an exceptional, rare, or sporadic phenomenon but is intended by God to be the routine, ordinary, daily reality in the life of all believers" (Sam Storms, *Understanding Spiritual Gifts*, 6).
 - Will you submit to the power and authority of the Holy Spirit?
 - Will you open yourself up to the power of the Holy Spirit?
- Will your life and ministry be defined by the power and authority of the Holy Spirit?