

Wednesday, December 28, 2011  
Stories and Teachings of Jesus  
Luke 4:14-21  
The Acceptable Year of the Lord—2012

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.

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.”

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 4:14-21, NIV

If I’m All In In 2012 I Need To Know That:

1. My Sins Are Forgiven

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9, NIV

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2, NIV

2. I’m In God’s Care

Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. 1 Peter 5:7, NLT

3. God’s Wisdom Is Available To Me

If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. 6 But when you ask him, be sure

that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. James 1:5-6, NLT

#### 4. I'm Not Alone

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,  
"Never will I leave you;  
never will I forsake you."

6 So we say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can mere mortals do to me?" Hebrews 13:5-6, NIV

#### 5. It's Time To Get Going

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20, NLT