

JANUARY 30, 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
 Church Year Cycle C



THEME FOR THE WEEK:

God sustains and delivers us.

WEEKLY MILESTONES:



Take a moment to have each person share a recent mountain high and/or valley low in their lives.

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK:



“Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.”

Jeremiah 1:8 (NRSV)

GOSPEL READING INTRODUCTION:



This scripture reading follows Jesus reading the scroll of Isaiah in his hometown synagogue. For the first time in Luke, Jesus is identified as a prophet, but this will bring rejection and anger rather than acceptance in his hometown.

GOSPEL READING:

Read: Luke 4:21-30

The prophet Jesus is rejected

BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS:



<p>1. In this reading, what was the crowd’s reaction when Jesus told them “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing”?</p>	<p>A They jumped for joy and danced in the streets B They were dumbstruck and confused C They were amazed at his gracious words D They grumbled that the reading took too long</p>
<p>2. In this reading, which prophet did Jesus first refer to as the discussion continued with the synagogue crowd?</p>	<p>A Joshua B Samuel C Jeremiah D Elijah</p>
<p>3. In this reading, what was the final reaction of the crowd in the synagogue after Jesus finished speaking to them?</p>	<p>A Decided to have a town party to celebrate B Filled with enthusiasm and pride C Excited and filled with the Holy Spirit D Filled with rage and drove him out of the town</p>

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SCRIPTURE READING DISCUSSION:

- What words stay in your mind or what ideas do you have from this reading?
- What message do you hear for us in this reading?
- How does this reading influence your thoughts, feelings, or future actions?

RELATED READINGS FOR REVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTING:

Jeremiah 1:4-10	The Lord chooses the boy Jeremiah
1 Corinthians 13:1-13	The gift of love
Luke 2:25-32	Simeon praises the Lord
Ezekiel 2:1-10	The Lord chooses Ezekiel
Amos 5:6-15	Choose good, not evil
Psalms 71:1-6	A prayer for God's protection

RELATED READINGS DISCUSSION:

What similar themes or general concept did you discover in these related readings? How do they connect to the theme of the week?

HYMN OF THE WEEK:

Let Justice Flow like Streams

Text: Jane Parker Huber (1926-2008)

Music: Aaron Williams (1731-1776)

[Evangelical Lutheran Worship #717]



<https://youtu.be/TD5YwR2ND6I>

CLOSING PRAYER:

Holy God, give us confidence to live as a follower of Jesus that others may see in us our faith in you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

CLOSING BLESSING:

May God bless you with faith, hope, and love in Christ Jesus.



Answer Key: 1-C, 2-D, 3-D