

**JANUARY 23, 2022**  
**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
 Church Year Cycle C



**THEME FOR THE WEEK:**

*Jesus sets us free.*

**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:**



*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”* **Luke 4:18-19 (NRSV)**

**GOSPEL READING INTRODUCTION:**



This scripture reading is the opening scene in the ministry of Jesus. It describes the delivery of his inaugural address in the synagogue in his own home town which includes his first declaration of his manifesto for the work ahead. He is now ready to begin his public ministry.

**GOSPEL READING:**

**Read: Luke 4:14-21**

**Jesus returns to Nazareth**

**BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS:**



<p>1. In this reading, after his temptation in the wilderness, Jesus went where?</p>	<p><b>A</b> To the Jordan River  <b>B</b> To Galilee  <b>C</b> To a Jerusalem spa  <b>D</b> To a Mediterranean beach resort</p>
<p>2. In this reading, what scroll was given to Jesus to read in the synagogue on the Sabbath day?</p>	<p><b>A</b> Of the prophet Ezekiel  <b>B</b> First book of Moses (Genesis)  <b>C</b> Of the prophet Isaiah  <b>D</b> Scroll of Ketuvim</p>
<p>3. In this reading after Jesus read the scroll, sat down, and had everybody staring at him, what did he say?</p>	<p><b>A</b> Today this scripture has been fulfilled  <b>B</b> What are you all staring at?  <b>C</b> What, do I have a bug on my robe?  <b>D</b> It hasn't been that long since I was here</p>

Answer key on page 2



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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:

Nehemiah 8:1-10	Ezra reads God's law to the people
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	One body, many parts
Isaiah 61:1-7	The good news of deliverance
Leviticus 25:1-17	The year of jubilee
Galatians 5:13-15	Christian freedom
Psalms 19	God's glory in creation and the law

### 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:

*Soli Deo Gloria*

Text: Marty Haugen (1950- )

Music: Marty Haugen (1950- )



<https://youtu.be/SnWg2Sj-u58>

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### CLOSING PRAYER:

Dear God, for your message of freedom that is more desired than gold and sweeter than honey, we praise you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### CLOSING BLESSING:

May the Spirit of Christ Jesus bless you and release you from all your burdens.