



Jesus Enters Public Ministry (Luke 4:14-37) – Jesus' Life Before Ministry #5

Sunday, February 8, 2026

When you study the life of Jesus, it will challenge you

“If you take the text at its word, it will be uncomfortable.” – Chad

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So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. Luke 4:16 NKJV

And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: Luke 4:17 NKJV

“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; Luke 4:18 NKJV

To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.” Luke 4:19 NKJV

Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. Luke 4:20 NKJV

And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” Luke 4:21 NKJV

So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?” Luke 4:22 NKJV

Jesus knew the Bible & believed what God said about Him

Outsiders =

God loves outsiders

- 1 Kings 17 – Gentile widow
- 2 Kings 5 – Gentile general

So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, Luke 4:28 NKJV

and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. Luke 4:29 NKJV

Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way. Luke 4:30 NKJV

Jesus proclaimed God’s love for outsiders even if people hated it

Then He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbaths [*multiple WEEKENDS*]. Luke 4:31 NKJV

And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority. Luke 4:32 NKJV

Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud voice, Luke 4:33 NKJV

saying, “Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!” Luke 4:34 NKJV

But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet, and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him in their midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him. Luke 4:35 NKJV

Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, “What a word this is! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out.” Luke 4:36 NKJV

And the report about Him went out into every place in the surrounding region. Luke 4:37 NKJV

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Jesus demonstrated awareness & absolute authority over the demonic realm

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This Week's Gospel of Luke Reading Plan:

February 8 - Luke 7 + Luke 22:1-23

February 9 - Luke 8 + Luke 22:1-23

February 10 - Luke 9 + Luke 22:1-23

February 11 - Luke 10 + Luke 22:1-23

February 12 – Luke 11 + Luke 22:1-23

February 13 – Luke 12 + Luke 22:1-23

February 14 – Pray & Reflect

February 8

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JESUS LOVES EVERYONE

In this series, we are learning about Zacchaeus and how Jesus loved him, and that Jesus loves us too!

Memory Verse: "Jesus Loves Us" John 3:16 (Adapted for Toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: We Love Jesus

Parent Connect: Discuss today's lesson with your kid at home by saying: Can you use the craft you made at church to tell me what you learned today at church? Allow verbal kids to retell the story helping as much as you need to. If your kid is not verbal yet, say things like, Can you point to Jesus? Can you point to Zacchaeus? Let's make Zacchaeus climb up the tree so he can see Jesus! (move the string so he will "climb" the tree Jesus said, "Zacchaeus come down. I'm earing at your house today!" (Move the string so Zacchaeus "climbs down" the tree) Say, Jesus loved Zacchaeus and he loves us, too!

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JESUS PERFORMS MIRACLES

In this series, we will learn about some of Jesus' miracles and ministry! We will learn the story of Jesus Calming the storm, Jesus blessing the little children, Jesus raising Jarius' daughter, and Jesus healing the Blind Man. We will learn that Jesus is powerful!

Memory Verse: "You are the God who performs miracles" you display your power among the peoples." Psalm 77:14 NIV

Heart of the Lesson: Jesus Loves Kids | Mark 10:13-16

Parent Connect: Today we learned how Jesus loves kids. He calls everyone to follow Him; grown-ups, kids, everyone! Show your kids what you looked like when you were a kid! Show them pictures of other family members and friends too!



For seven weeks, we will help our kids not only learn more facts about Jesus and His ministry but also imagine what it might have been like if they were on the journey with Jesus. How would they have responded? What emotions might they have felt?

Memory Verse: The disciples were terrified and amazed. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "When he gives a command, even the wind and waves obey him!" Luke 8:25b

Heart of the Lesson: Healing Miracles | Luke 5

Parent Connect:

- Read: Luke 4:14-37
- Talk: Jesus came to bring hope to hurting people. Who do we know might need hope today? How can we help them?
- Do: Make a family plan. Bring hope to someone together this week. Pray for them. Send a note. Meet a need.



The theme this year at Grace is Knowing Jesus. If we are coming to G56 and we don't know WHO Jesus is then we don't know who or what we are following. Every series in G56 this year helps us know Jesus. This month we are focusing on the First 30. The first 30 years of Jesus life helped shape his time in ministry. We will spend this month looking at the birth of Jesus, his childhood, his baptism, temptations he faced and his walk into public ministry and we take on Knowing Jesus in 2026.

Memory Verse: Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people. Luke 2:52

Heart of the Lesson: Jesus is the promised Messiah – Luke 4:14-37

Parent Connection: Today in G56 we learned about Jesus going into his public ministry. This is a great opportunity to consider all of the ministry opportunities your family has around you (neighbors, friends at school, at work). Take time to write down the names of those your family is feeling called to minister to and begin praying for those names. Look for opportunities as a family to invite neighbors over or tell a friend or co-worker about Jesus. Share those opportunities together as a family over dinner or on the car ride to your next location.