



## Unit 21, Session 2

# Jesus Taught in Nazareth

Luke 4

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**Story Point:** Jesus taught that He is the Messiah.

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Jesus went to the town of Nazareth. On the Sabbath day, Jesus went to the synagogue in Nazareth. Jesus stood up to read Scripture. He unrolled the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and read: “The Spirit of the Lord is on Me. He has chosen Me to tell good news to the poor. He has sent Me to tell the captives that they are free, to tell the blind that they can see, to free people who have been treated badly, and to announce that the Lord’s favor is on us.” Then Jesus sat down.

Jesus said, “Today as you listened to Me reading these words, they came true.”

The people said good things about Jesus, and they were amazed at Him. But some of the people in Nazareth had known Jesus from His youth. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

Jesus said, “No prophet is accepted in

his hometown.” Jesus told the people about times when God used prophets to help people who were not Jews. He reminded them that the prophet Elijah did not help the widows in Israel. Instead, God sent Elijah to help a widow in another land.

The people in the synagogue were angry. They forced Jesus out of town. They wanted to throw Him off a cliff, but Jesus walked right through the crowd and went on His way.

*Christ Connection: Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah wrote about God’s plan to send a Messiah. The Messiah would bring good news and redeem people who were broken and hurting. Jesus read Isaiah’s words and announced that He is the promised Messiah.*