

Why He Came: "To Proclaim the Year of the Lord's Favor"

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"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach 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 4:18-21

What was one of the best years or eras of your life?

The year of Jubilee – Leviticus 25:8-12

- A sabbath/sabbatical year occurring every 50 years
- Proclaim liberty throughout the land.
- No sowing and reaping. The land rests.
- All slaves freed.
- All debts forgiven.
- People return to their land.
- A year of rest and renewal. A year to start with a clean slate.

How unnecessary and sad if people were to choose NOT to live according to the law of Jubilee?

The "Year of the Lord's Favor"

- You poor in spirit – live like you're rich.
- You exile – live like you're not in exile.
- You oppressed – live like you're not enslaved.
- You blind – live like you see clearly.
- Proclaim the year of the Lord's favor to all!

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