

FREE AT LAST!

January 18, 2021

JOHN 8:32 NIV - (36) Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

When Jesus began his short period of ministry on the earth, He announced He was the One that God's people had been waiting for since the fall of humanity. He did this by reading a particular passage from the book of Isaiah—a passage His listeners knew was referring to the Messiah, or the Savior of the world.

The words had been written hundreds of years earlier and spoke of a new freedom that was coming in the future. When Jesus stood up to read, He was saying the future had arrived. Liberty would come through Him. And the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.” And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

And he began to say to them, “**Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing**” (**Luke 4:17-21**). What Jesus was saying in the synagogue at Nazareth was that the day of Messiah has arrived. The hoped-for king, son of David, liberator, Savior, world ruler, bringer of justice and peace—Messiah has come. Jesus says in **Luke 4:18-19** at the outset of his ministry is that he is the Messiah and that he is ushering in a day of good news—a day of **release, healing** and **liberation**; and for now the day of punishment is postponed. It is done! You are free, now receive Him. Let this be said again, “**We are free, now let us truly receive Him.**”

SCRIPTURE READING

GALATIANS 3:22

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Be sure you put your feet in the right place. Then stand firm.

“A JOURNEY OF THE HEART”