

The Truth About Jesus
Luke 4:18-19

Jesus came to bring great news:

The God who created you _____ you and wants to _____ you.
(Luke 4:18,19)

Why does Jesus call us poor, oppressed prisoners?

Because _____ Jesus we are _____ from God by our sin.

Jesus built the only bridge that can _____ back to God. (Romans 5:8)

Jesus provides the only power to _____ in my life.

Today I choose whether I reject or _____ Jesus and His great news. (Romans 10:9)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. In Sunday's message, we learned the story of Rudolph and Adi Dassler. The two brothers had a thriving business together making shoes. Then, after a fight, one moved across the river to start a rival business. As the two brothers built the competing global brands of Adidas and Puma, they refused to talk for the remainder of their lives—even though they lived just across the river in the same small town. Do you ever feel separated from God like this?
2. Take a moment to read Romans 3:23. The verse says that a river of sin runs between all of us and God. Have you had a moment in your life when you acknowledged that you have sinned in your past, or recently? Have you witnessed the enslaving power of sin? If so, what did it look like?
3. Take a moment to read Romans 5:8 and Romans 6:23. These verses talk about the bridge God built to us in the person of Jesus Christ. Had you ever realized how much God reached out to you, when you were separated from Him?
4. Take a moment to read Luke 4:18,19, where Jesus claims that He is God's Messiah—sent to build the bridge that reconnects humanity to God. Do you believe that Jesus was God, stepping to earth on a mission to reconcile and restore your relationship with God?

5. Take a moment to read Romans 10:9. At the cross, God built a bridge—for you to be reconnected to Him. He desires to be restored to you. But only you can choose if you will step onto that bridge—by believing that Jesus is God and proclaiming Him as the Master of your life. Have you made that choice, that declaration to God? If you made that decision on Sunday or recently, tell someone. If you're part of a group, let the group know, so they can celebrate with you. If you haven't made that decision yet, will you choose Christ now?

6. Luke 4:19 speaks of Jesus giving freedom to the captives. His work on the cross not only connects believers back to God, but it also enables believers to live a life free from the slavery of sin. Is there an area in your thought life or behavior where you have been held “captive” lately? If so, take a moment to claim the freedom you now have from that captivity—because of Christ and His work on the cross.