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Third Sunday after Epiphany

Lectionary Year C

**Scripture:** [Luke 4:14-21](#) [ **Summary:** *How Scripture Is Fulfilled* ]

**Supplies Needed:** No supplies needed

**ASK** (a.k.a. [The On-Ramp](#))

- Good morning!
- Have you ever had a parent or teacher say, "Are you listening to me?"
- Or maybe they were a little bit upset and so they said, "What did I just *tell* you?"
- But if they REALLY want you to listen (because you probably haven't been earlier) they then say your first, *middle*, and last name before saying what they want you to hear...
- Ever have any of those things happen?

**TELL** (a.k.a. [The Freeway](#))

- I ask you these questions to remind us that SOMETIMES, just sometimes, we don't always listen.
- And other times, though we might hear what a person is saying, we don't always act on what those people are telling us.
- And guess what -- adults do the exact same thing.
- Which is why in today's scripture story, Jesus is telling the people that the good news that he's reading in the scripture will be fulfilled in their hearing.
- What Jesus means when he says this is this: If the people would listen to and then DO what they hear being read in the scripture passage, then the good news would actually *happen*.

**SHARE the Good News** (a.k.a. [The Destination](#))

- The good news we hear would actually happen in today's scripture story is this:

- People would be able to see clearly
- The not-free would be free
- Everyone would know and remind each other of God's favor and love
- Sounds pretty good, doesn't it?
- In other stories, someone who we see making those things actually happen is Jesus.
- So, Jesus is fulfilling scripture.
- But, fulfilling scripture isn't supposed to be a one time thing.
- Which is why Jesus is telling the people that *they* need to fulfill scripture by hearing the scripture and then doing it.
- And, this is also why Jesus invites us to follow him and learn from him how to be like him.
- Because, when we follow Jesus, we learn from Jesus how to fulfill scripture, just like he does.
- In other words, we learn to better listen to God and better understand scripture, which helps us to better share God's healing, love and forgiveness with each other.
- And, when we do THAT, scripture certainly *is* being fulfilled and the good news is *happening*.
- That's the Good News for today. Let's pray. This is a repeat-after-me prayer.

## **CLOSING Prayer**

**Dear God,**

Dear God,

**Thank you for Jesus...**

Thank you for Jesus...

**...who helps us ...**

...who helps us...

**...to better hear you...**

...to better hear you...

**...and better understand you.**

...and better understand you.

**Thank you and amen**