

## WWJD: JESUS' MISSION STATEMENT

Jesus Series

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Luke 4:14-18

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This morning as we continue looking at the beauty of Jesus Christ, we will consider both His slogan and mission statement. He knew exactly why He was on earth. He understood fully how to fulfill His Personal Accountabilities both to His Father and to the people of the world. As we unveil how Jesus fulfilled His mission we will also consider some ways we can continue carrying out His mission today.

The slogan Jesus used to describe His work comes from Luke 19:10: "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." In other words, in a nutshell, Jesus slogan might be described as "Seeking and Saving the Lost."

WWJD? What would Jesus do?

We might be careful before declaring what Jesus would do in any situation. He was always surprising people by doing the unexpected.

The Key here is "Do unto others as they would do unto you."

Whatever His activity He was always involved in the business of "Seeking and Saving the Lost."

WWJD: He would seek and save the Lost.

four main activities comprised the Messianic Mission statement of Jesus.

Luke 4:18-22: "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 bind up the broken hearted, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." 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, and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips.

PREACH GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR

\*How Jesus preached good news to the poor:

Nicodemus: John 3:1-3, 16

*John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that*

*whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

\*How we preach good news to the poor:

SMX: Just the beginning of discipleship and an evangelistic heart

## Bind up the Brokenhearted

\*How Jesus bound up the broken hearted:

The woman at the well with broken relationships

*John 4:17-18, 28-29: "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." .... Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?"*

\*How we bind up the broken hearted:

Alexander Maclaren: "Be kind to everyone that you meet because everyone you meet is fighting a battle."

## Release the Oppressed

\*How Jesus released the oppressed:

The Rich Young Ruler

Matthew 16:19: "Jesus looking at him loved him. 'Go, sell all you have.'"

The Woman Caught in the Act of Adultery

John 8:10-11: Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

\*How we release the oppressed:

We help confused and disoriented people find hope and healing in life.

## Proclaim the Year of the Lord's Favor

\*How Jesus proclaimed the year of the Lord's Favor:

Matt 11:28-30: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

\*How we proclaim the year of the Lord's favor:

Live by the Spirit and not by the flesh.

Live a simple God-inspired and Spirit-filled life.

Care for people's neediness instead of harping on their fallenness.