



## Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

### Jesus is the Fulfillment of Prophecy January 26-28, 2019

*(Luke 4:14-21) Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. {15} He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. {16} He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. {17} The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: {18} "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 release the oppressed, {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} and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."*

1. Give some examples of times/ways you've had to prove your identity.
2. What events had occurred in Jesus' life before his visit to the synagogue in Nazareth?
3. Why do you think Jesus chose Isaiah 61:1-2 as his sermon text?

4. The Old Testament prophets painted a picture of the coming Messiah. List as many things as possible that you could know about the Christ on the basis of Old Testament passages.

5. Agree/disagree: Jesus never called himself the Messiah.

6. Jesus proclaims freedom for the prisoners. In your personal life, from what has Jesus given you freedom?

7. Your friend has cancer. Why would John 4:18-19 be a helpful passage to share with your friend?

8. Read John 4:22-30. How did the people respond to Jesus' words in the synagogue? Why?

9. Do you see any parallels between the response of the Jews and the response of people today?

10. Why do you think God included this account in the Bible?