

THE GOSPEL INCLUDES RELEASE!

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(Luke 4:18, KJV).

Jesus makes His simple and direct statement of ministry--His "mission statement". The purposes that the Father has sent Him to accomplish. He is spelling out exactly what He is going to do in His ministry. This statement is made by Him directly after He has received the Holy Spirit. Jesus' ministry began directly after He received the Spirit baptism--with these direct results. Jesus brought the **Gospel** of salvation by faith in His name. Jesus **healed** the sick. Jesus brought **deliverance** to those in need. Jesus **fed the poor**. Jesus **released** others to do the same things that He did.

Notice the words translated in this verse as **"set at liberty"** They are the Greek words "apostello" literally "apostolic liberty"--It is obvious when one reads the Gospels that Jesus made apostles--many many apostles--if we are to study this words' usage throughout the Gospels. The real meaning of "apostles" is a group of people who have been freely released to serve God--in the same anointing as Jesus Himself, to carry the Gospel out to the world.

Jesus stated what He would do--and then He carried out these statements exactly. Everything that Jesus did, could be categorized in one of these areas. These are the areas that God the Father gave Him authority to operate in.

Jesus operated under Gods authority to teach the Gospel--and ALL the Gospel includes salvation--healing--deliverance--feeding the poor--and apostleship.

Jesus specifically DID NOT use His authority over other people--He specifically DID NOT use His authority over His followers--He said so Himself.....

“But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:42-45, KJV).

Jesus clearly states that He came as a servant. He clearly states that He DID NOT come to exercise authority over others--but to serve--to "minister"--to lay down His life. "Ministry" is laying down ones life for others--it is NOT rulership or authority over others. Jesus came to release others to the same authority which He had--and part of the command of authority He gave was specifically NOT to exercise authority one over another amongst ourselves. Authority as demonstrated and commanded by Jesus was to be released to one another--NOT to be exercised over one another --as the world does.

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