Jesus made 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 these 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 God's 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.......

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 one's 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.