

Not Your Typical Day at Church

Who's someone from your childhood who would be surprised at who or what you've become?

Read Luke 4:14-30.

1. What prepared Jesus for this Sabbath in Nazareth?
 - A. He lived there most of His life.
 - B. His family heritage.
 - C. At His baptism, Jesus heard God the Father's audible affirmation.
 - D. Christ's victory over Satan through 40 days of intense temptations.
 - E. Jesus did a lot of sermon prep for this particular Sabbath.
 - F. The Holy Spirit filled Jesus with supernatural power.
 - G. Jesus had sudden popularity in that region.
 - H. He wanted to show off to His disciples.
 - I. Other.

2. What was the expectation when Jesus went to church?
 - A. He would preach.
 - B. He would give the children's story.
 - C. You could always count on Him for special music.
 - D. He would make His old friends proud.
 - E. Jesus would be Israel's Messiah and free them from Roman rule.
 - F. Jesus would make Nazareth great.
 - G. Jesus would die on a cross.
 - H. Jesus would offend the whole church.
 - I. Other.

3. What's the significance of Jesus going to the synagogue on Sabbath?
 - A. That's what He always did.
 - B. The people of Nazareth were surprised to see Him at church.
 - C. They had never asked Him to read and comment on Scripture.
 - D. Jesus modeled attending church on Sabbath.
 - E. Going to church matters more than the day you attend.
 - F. That's where all the Jews were on Sabbath.
 - G. It was the synagogue in Nazareth, not the temple in Jerusalem.
 - H. Other.

4. What made this passage from Isaiah so powerful that day?
- A. A lot of verses from Isaiah aren't that inspiring.
 - B. A lot of verses from Isaiah are inspiring.
 - C. The people were so ready to be set free from Roman oppression.
 - D. Christ's popularity was surging.
 - E. When Scripture is read, God's power is present.
 - F. Christ claimed to be the fulfilment of this Bible promise.
 - G. Those present had a sincere heart for God and His Word.
 - H. Other.

5. What about Jesus impressed and what offended the church people?

IMPRESSED		OFFENDED
_____	Jesus read really, really well.	_____
_____	He was one of their own.	_____
_____	He left out the end of Isaiah 61:2.	_____
_____	Claiming to fulfill the Scripture.	_____
_____	He made Scripture come alive.	_____
_____	Highlighting Gentiles over Jews.	_____
_____	Jesus slipped away from them.	_____
_____	Other: _____	_____

6. Why wasn't Jesus killed at this time?

- A. It was Sabbath.
- B. He had special skills that got Him out of tight spots.
- C. It wasn't His time to die.
- D. He had 3+ years of ministry still ahead.
- E. He had to die in Jerusalem, not Nazareth.
- F. Angels protected Him.
- G. Jesus was street-wise, having grown up in Nazareth.
- H. Other.

7. What Scripture has Jesus "made alive" for you?

8. What could Jesus say or do that would offend you?