



Sermon at Nazareth

January 17, 2021

Luke 4:14-30

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

Powerful God, you stir up your people with challenging words. Open our ears to hear truly the truth which you bring, and may it shake up our lives so that we can be your faithful witnesses in the world. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown." (Luke 4:24)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus was busy teaching, healing, and performing miracles throughout the land. Unfortunately, the ones who failed to see God working through him were the people of his own hometown.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Tell of a time you experienced something unexpected. Was it good or bad? How did the experience shape you?

Why do you think it was difficult for people in Jesus' hometown to accept him as a prophet?

For the littles: Do you like surprises? Why or why not?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bless you with the unexpected. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Do something spontaneous and unexpected this week. Pay for someone's groceries. Visit a zoo or indoor garden. Call someone you haven't spoken to in a while. Consider how the unexpected can shake you out of complacency.



Go Deeper: Visit clergystuff.com/daily-devotions.

Monday: *Jesus Casts Out an Unclean Spirit*, Luke 4:31-37

Tuesday: *Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-in-Law*, Luke 4:38-39

Wednesday: *Jesus Heals and Casts Out Demons*, Luke 4:40-44

Thursday: *The Spirit of the Lord*, Isaiah 61:1-3

Friday: *Elijah Helps a Widow*, 1 Kings 17:8-16

Saturday: *Elisba Heals Naaman*, 2 Kings 5:1-14