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Luke 4:14-30

What is a question you ask someone new to you? Perhaps you ask their name or where they are from. Most likely, you will also ask that person, "what do you do?" What you spend your time doing shapes who you are.

Luke tells us that Jesus, after being tested and proven faithful, returns to his hometown. He is surrounded by people who no doubt knew him as "Mary and Joseph's boy." Here, in this moment, Jesus' first public act is to announce what he is about: proclaim good news to the poor, proclaim freedom for prisoners, recover sight for the blind, and set the oppressed free (v. 18b). Jesus was here to fulfill God's covenant.

That, however, was not what people expected Jesus to do. If he was a carpenter, he wasn't building anything. If he was the Messiah he wasn't overthrowing the Roman tormentors. Jesus' "job," was unexpected (those present didn't take the news well). Have you missed Jesus in what he does in our world?

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