

The Upside Down Kingdom

Luke 4:18-19

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God blesses those who are poor

God blesses those who mourn

God blesses those who are persecuted

The Upside Down Kingdom is a kingdom where the high are brought low, the low are elevated, and everyone is equal at the foot of the cross.

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Good News To The Poor

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Matthew 5:3

God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

a person of few resources, culturally considered oppressed, despised, and miserable

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Luke 18:11

The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: 'I thank you, God, that I am not like other people—cheaters, sinners, adulterers. I'm certainly not like that tax collector!'

Good News To The Poor

The bad news is that we can't save ourselves from our spiritual poverty. The good news to the poor is that Jesus can, and will, save us.

Release Of The Captives

Luke 4:18

He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released

forgiveness, pardon, release, cancellation of a debt

Release Of The Captives

Philippians 1:12-13

And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News. ¹³ For everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ.

Release Of The Captives

Jesus came to free us from the chains and captivity of sin. To set our hearts free to worship, to love fully and to live the abundant life Jesus promised.

The Blind Will See

Luke 4:18

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Jesus wants us to see the blessings of walking with Him.

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2 Peter 3:3

Most importantly, I want to remind you that in the last days scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires.

The Blind Will See

John 9:39-41

Then Jesus told him, "I entered this world to render judgment—to give sight to the blind and to show those who think they see that they are blind."

⁴⁰ Some Pharisees who were standing

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nearby heard him and asked, “Are you saying we’re blind?”

⁴¹ “If you were blind, you wouldn’t be guilty,” Jesus replied. “But you remain guilty because you claim you can see.

The Blind Will See

Ephesians 1:3

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ

The Oppressed Set Free

Luke 4:18

that the oppressed will be set free,

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to be oppressed, downtrodden, an object
broken in pieces

The Oppressed Set Free

We were broken into pieces, our lives were shattered by sin, by grief, by longing.

Jesus came to set us free from all of that!

The Time Of God's Favor

Luke 4:19

**and that the time of the LORD's favor has
come**

The Time Of God's Favor

When we fully embrace Christ as our Savior, he brings in a new Upside Down kingdom year of jubilee where the sick, sinful, helpless and needy are restored to health, holiness, power, and we are declared part of God's family with heaven as our eternal reward!

The Time Of God's Favor

“There are none so blind as those who will not see.”

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Luke 4:22

Everyone spoke well of him and was amazed by the gracious words that came from his lips. "How can this be?" they asked. "Isn't this Joseph's son?"

The Time Of God's Favor

Luke 4:28-30

When they heard this, the people in the synagogue were furious. 29 Jumping up, they mobbed him and forced him to the edge of the hill on which the town was built. They intended to push him over the cliff, 30 but he passed right through the crowd and went on his way.

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