**Assignment for The Prophetic Voice**

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**Luke 4:14-24**

**14**Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news about him spread throughout the whole countryside. **15**He taught in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

**16**Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. **17**The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

**18***The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,*  
    *because the Lord has anointed me*.  
*He has sent me to preach good news to the poor,*  
    *to proclaim release to the prisoners*  
    *and recovery of sight to the blind,*  
    *to liberate the oppressed,*  
**19**    *and to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.*[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+4%3A14-24&version=CEB#fen-CEB-25074a)]

**20**He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was fixed on him. **21**He began to explain to them, “Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it.”

**22**Everyone was raving about Jesus, so impressed were they by the gracious words flowing from his lips. They said, “This is Joseph’s son, isn’t it?”

**23**Then Jesus said to them, “Undoubtedly, you will quote this saying to me: ‘Doctor, heal yourself. Do here in your hometown what we’ve heard you did in Capernaum.’” **24**He said, “I assure you that no prophet is welcome in the prophet’s hometown.

Please read this scripture before our class and be prepared to share your insights about Jesus’ prophetic voice. I look forward to being with you.