

**THE LIBERATION OF THE EXODUS EXPRESSED IN
THE JUBILEE YEAR OF GRACE**

Luke 4:14-30: Jesus first homily

1. verses 18-19 quoting Isaiah 61:1-2
2. verses 25-26 referencing 1 Kings 17:9
3. verse 27: 2 referencing Kings 5:14

Proclamation of the Jubilee year: *Seven weeks of years shall you count—seven times seven years—so that the seven cycles amount to forty-nine years. [...]. This fiftieth year you shall make sacred by proclaiming liberty in the land for all its inhabitants.* Leviticus 25:8, 10 9 (Leviticus 25:1-55 = Sabbath and Jubilee years)

Jubilee Liberation	Exodus Liberation
1. The land would be redeemed and all land debts forgiven (Lev 25:13-17).	1. God redeemed the “firstborn” of Israel (Ex 12:1-34) just as He redeemed all of Israel to take possession of the Promised Land.
2. All Israelite slaves are to be freed (Lev 25:35-55).	2. God freed Israel from slavery in Egypt [Exodus 12:37-51
3. The land would revert to the tribal family entrusted with it (Lev 25:10, 23-34).	3. God gave Israel stewardship of the Promised Land (Josh 3-4).

The “liberation” that Jesus would bring about in the “new exodus”: *About eight days after he said this, he took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.* Luke 9:28-31

**THE “NEW EXODUS” LIBERATION
FULFILLED IN JESUS CHRIST**

Liberation	Fulfilled in Christ
1. The debt of the curses incurred for failing to keep the Old Covenant Law were forgiven (Lev 26:14-46; Dt 28:15-68).	Galatians 3:13: <i>Christ ransomed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written, ‘Cursed be everyone who hangs on a tree...’</i>
2. He freed us from slavery to sin and death.	Romans 6:6: <i>We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.</i>
3. Through His death, burial, and Resurrection we received the promise of eternal life in the true Promise Land, the Kingdom of Heaven.	Luke 23:42-43: <i>Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ He replied to him, ‘Amen, I say to you. Today you will be with me in Paradise.’</i>
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Handout 2: Luke Lesson 5

As prophesied by the 8th century BC prophet Isaiah, Jesus, the promised “God with us” (Emmanuel) who was born of a virgin has come as a “light” to the Galilee. He is:

1. The child that has been born of a virgin to redeem his people (Is 7:14; 9:5)
2. Upon his shoulder dominion rests (Is 9:5)
3. He is the Wonder-Counselor (Is 9:5)
4. He is the Prince of peace (Is 9:5)
5. His is the Davidic king who judges by justice both now and forever at God’s bidding (Is 9:6)

What is the “Kingdom of God”? See Lk 1:33; 4:5-6, 18-19, 31-41; CCC 550, 2816.

1. The “Kingdom of God” stands in opposition to the kingdoms of the world over which the devil exercises authority (Lk 4:5-6).
2. It is the everlasting kingdom promised by Gabriel (Lk 1:33).
3. It is associated with the “good news” Jesus announced (Lk 4:18-19).
4. It is associated with the Spirit anointed ministry of Jesus (Lk 31-41).
5. It is a new world order that does not marginalize the sick, the demonized, the poor and women.
6. It is where justice will be exercised in the name of the Redeemer-Messiah.
7. The “Kingdom of God” means Christ Himself and will be definitively established in Jesus’ sacrifice on the Cross.
8. The Kingdom also refers to God’s saving activity through His Son and to those communities that believe in Jesus Christ and practice God’s redemptive purpose in His name.

Notice that Simon-Peter’s epiphany and commissioning by Jesus in Luke 5:1-11 is similar to Isaiah’s experience of God and his commissioning in Isaiah 6:1-10. Simon-Peter also refers to Jesus as “Lord” (see Is 6:8 and Lk 5:8).

Simon-Peter: *Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man* (Lk 5:8).

Isaiah: *Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips ...* (Is 6:5).

Isaiah and Simon-Peter’s Call Compared

Isaiah 6:1-10	Luke 5:1-11
Isaiah’s experience of epiphany: verses 1-3	Simon-Peter’s experience of epiphany: verses 4-7
Isaiah’s reaction: verse 5	Simon-Peter’s reaction: verse 8
Isaiah’s reassurance: verse 6-7	Simon-Peter’s reassurance: verse 10b
Isaiah’s commissioning: verses 8-10	Simon-Peter’s commissioning: verse 10b
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