

Sermon Title: Christ the King Speaker: Rich Villodas – Lead Pastor Scriptures: Luke 4:14-19

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

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."^[f]

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday, Pastor Rich will offer a message on the kind of king Jesus is. On the Sunday before Advent begins, many churches around the world focus their attention on Jesus's surprising way of ruling. The Advent season that follows is to be seen in this particular light.

Sermon Questions:

- 1. If you were King or Queen, how would you rule the world?
- 2. Take time to slowly read and reflect on Luke 4:14-19. What do you notice about the kind of King Jesus is declaring he is?
- 3. Before Jesus read the scroll of Isaiah in Luke 4, he was baptized and tempted. The enemy offered him three temptations: instant gratification over disciplined dependence, power over servanthood, and applause over humility. Which of these temptations are you most struggling with right now?
- 4. During Advent, how can you intentionally resist these temptations and set your mind on Christ the King this Advent season?