



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: **The Meaning of Jesus**

Speaker: **Drew Hyun, Guest Speaker - Pastor of Hope Church Midtown**

Scriptures: **Luke 4:14-21**

### **Jesus Rejected at Nazareth**

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.”[a]

20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

### **Sermon Summary:**

The historical Jesus is a remarkable story - but what about the meaning of Jesus and how the early church understood Jesus? This Sunday, we'll pause our series through the book of Acts to hear a message from guest speaker, pastor, and former New Lifer, Drew Hyun. Get ready to hear what Jesus has to say about himself and how the early church gained unflinching hope by understanding his meaning.

### **Sermon Questions:**

1. Jesus grew up in a small town called Nazareth in Galilee. Where did you grow up and what was it like for you?
2. Reread the Scripture passage. What do you think was so significant about what Jesus said was being fulfilled in their hearing?

Jesus is reading Isaiah 61 and claiming to be the Messiah that the Old Testament prophets foretold and that the people had been longing for generations to come and set them free.

3. Why do you think Jesus was highlighting that the good news is especially for the poor, prisoners, blind and oppressed?
4. Pastor Drew shared a quote from WH Auden’s Christmas Oratorio: “Nothing can save us that is possible. We who must die demand a miracle.” What do you think the author meant by this? Where in your life do you need a miracle?

Jesus is the miracle and he shows us that what changes the world is sacrificial love.