



“Anointed by the Spirit”

The Gospel tells us that Jesus returned to Galilee to begin His mission "in the power of the Spirit." It's the anointing with the Spirit that enables Jesus to begin His mission.

Jesus understood his ministry in terms of setting people free. His life and death were about changing people's minds and hearts. His work of salvation directly addressed the issues of fear, ignorance, and darkness which clouded the religious thinking and images of the people.

The issue for Jesus is: stand up and be counted; let the Spirit of God have its way with you - completely. Give all your

mind and heart and soul to the "call" within you. This is conversion in its most radical form. This is conversion where it hurts most.

For us the process of conversion means taking to heart the words of Isaiah - words that Jesus applied to Himself. We, too, are called to bring good news to the poor. We have been sent to proclaim liberty and freedom to those suffering oppression of any and every kind; we have been chosen to bring sight to the blind and to proclaim God's favor to all. We, too, have been anointed by the Spirit: to show all humanity, by our word and example, that its journey in time is really a journey toward Christ - a mysterious, spiritual journey which begins, continues and ends in Him.



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