# Home Group Study 3: Luke 4:14-42: Rejection of Jesus

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**Recap:** What have we seen about the identity and mission of Jesus so far?

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1. Go back to Isaiah 61 and read what Jesus reads in its context. Remember the purpose of Isaiah is declaring God’s king and rescue plan. This ‘servant’ in chapter 61 has appeared many times from chapters 40-55. What is Jesus claiming about himself in terms of?
   1. His identity?
   2. His mission?
2. Why are the people sceptical? Why are prophets not accepted in their home towns?
3. How does Jesus remind them of Elijah’s life? Why does it resonate here? Think too on how the people responded to John the Baptist.
4. Imagine being on that cliff edge and watching the crowd drag Jesus to be killed, but then he just…walks away! How does this help us have certainty in his claims?

Read v31-42

1. How does Jesus demonstrate his authority over:
   1. God’s word?
   2. Demons?
   3. Disease?
2. Why do you think Jesus is demonstrating his authority like this? How does it help us be more certain of who he is?
3. Why is it striking to note Jesus’ actions in v42? What does it tell us about our priorities?
4. What is Jesus’ mission from v43? How do we or people outside the church forget that and add in what we think his mission was/should have been?

**Make it real**

1. How does this rejection of Jesus make you more certain about who he is?
2. How does his authority reassure you?
3. How do his priorities challenge you?
4. What will you do with your certainty about what you believe this week?

**Prayer ideas**

* Praise God for Jesus Christ who preaches good news, and has authority over teaching, demons and disease.
* Bring your worries and your cares to him, knowing his authority, and his care
* Pray to be made more certain
* Pray for opportunities to talk to people about Jesus
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