

TRINITY NEWS

Epiphany III Moments of Disclosure and Destiny Markers Luke 4:14-21

Luke's account of Jesus' visit to Nazareth after his testing of vocation in the wilderness expands the story of that visit in Mark and Matthew. It includes a reading that he gives in the synagogue at Nazareth from Isaiah 61:1-2, **"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."**

Jesus makes it his own, just as we have to own the Scriptures of the New Testament that he inspired. He fulfilled the reading. He fed the hungry, he released people from the chains of mental torture and bodily ailments, he gave sight to the blind. He set an oppressed woman free and he called for a celebration of life. When he had finished reading that day he sat down and said, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing". They were amazed at this and the words coming from "Joseph's son" as they referred to him. One of their own had said the prophecy of Isaiah had been fulfilled in himself, that he was the anointed one guided by the Spirit. It was a disclosure moment. The shortest route to God is to look into our own soul. Jesus looked into his soul that day and aligned his destiny with the scripture from Isaiah 61:1-2. Jesus speaks through the Scriptures in the synagogue and he still does.

Disclosure Moments

Disclosure moments occur without notice. Suddenly we observe the loveliness of someone we had passed over; suddenly we realize that the road we are going down leads to a dead end. Suddenly we realize the damage that we're doing with our speech and conduct to ourselves and others and we are shaken to the core. Suddenly a room fills with God and our emotions rise at the touch of glory; everything is rinsed in Spirit and reconfigured.

Destiny Markers of our Pilgrimage

The will of God is a sequence of truths drawn together on a cord of hope. Flowers open to the warmth of the sun as it rises and die at dusk waiting rebirth next morning in fresh warmth. God does not want us to die for him, he wants us to live for him. IS has yet to discover that truth. When a child is hungry at night the whole world is the poorer. I keep repeating the words of Desmond Tutu: **"God created everybody"**. This is African concrete simplicity touching the Divine. A miracle for a blind child would be to see her mother. **What your destiny Markers?** Specific dates, events, achievements, love gained and lost? The moment you realized your life vocation? That's what happened to Jesus when he began to fulfill the words of his heavenly Father for him that he had heard at his baptism. Do any of the words of the Charter of Disclosure Moments and Destiny Markers apply to your pilgrimage and destiny? Fear no evil. Humans create evil with hate and fear, and Evil personified rises in the mix. Fight it with love and tolerance, resist spite and shame like your Master. He never gave up, not even in the suffering of the Cross. We should live well and die well, and then we will truly have lived like the prophet from Nazareth. The surest way to Heaven is to create a better Earth in his Name.

Bishop Arthur Jones

THIS WEEK:

Wednesday.

- Group Discussion, 7:30p.m., Parish Office

Thursday.

- Midweek Eucharist, 10am, Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71;
1 Corinthians 14:12b-20; Luke 4:21-32

SPECIAL EVENT NEXT WEEK: AGM: January 31st after the 9:30 service



**TO PLAN: PANCAKE SUPPER,
FEBRUARY 9, 5:30PM**
