1. **Luke 4:14-22**

* Where is Jesus at this point in the **Gospel**?
* What did Jesus do with the “scroll”?
* What did Jesus reveal to them about this scripture reading?
* How did the people respond to Jesus’ proclamation?
* What about this reading do you believe “amazed” the people, why was this reading important and brought about the reaction it did?
* **Isaiah 61:1-7**
* Reflecting on this entire chapter in **Isaiah**, why might hearing that this reading has been “fulfilled in your hearing” be so exciting for the audience of Jesus?
* What evidence has occurred in the **Gospel** thus far, showing us that truly, the “spirit of the Lord God is upon” Jesus? Think back to the earlier lessons…
* According to **Isaiah**, what has Jesus been sent to do?
* According to **Isaiah**, what will “they” the people do?
* According to **Isaiah**, what will the people now be “called”?
* According to **Isaiah**, what will the people now “possess” and experience?
* After reflecting on this whole passage in **Isaiah** and the people’s reaction in the **Gospel**, what does it say to you about their feelings at this very moment in time?
* **Ezekiel 1:10**
* The early Church traditionally associated this creature with the 4 evangelists:
* Which evangelist would be associated with the man; “human face”? Why?
* Which evangelist would be associated with the “lion”? Why?
* Which evangelist would be associated with the “ox”? Why?
* Which evangelist would be associated with the “eagle”? Why?
* Share all the titles you can recall Jesus being called in the Bible either by his own words or another’s?
* **Ezekiel 2:9 – 3:11**
* What title assigned to **Ezekiel** here in this reading, is also associated with Jesus at times in all 4 Gospels?
* According to your understanding of the scriptures you have learned in life thus far, what in this story reminds you of the challenges Jesus will soon experience?
* According to **Ezekiel**, how will the people of Israel respond to God’s “words to them”?
* Going back to the **Gospel of Luke**, what was the last thing some of the people are said to have “asked”?
* Does their question surprise you or not? Please explain…
* **St. Cyril of Alexandria** (378 AD – 444 AD) *Commentary on Luke Sermon 12*

”Jesus plainly shows by these words that he took upon himself both the very name of Christ and its reality for your sakes. He humbled himself and submitted to the emptying of his glory for our sakes. “For the Spirit,” he says, “which by nature is in me by the sameness of our substance and deity, also **descended upon me from outside of me**. In the **Jordan** it **came upon me in the form of a dove**, not because it was not in me, **but in order to anoint me**. Why did he choose to be anointed?  **It was our being destitute of the Spirit** by that denunciation of old, “My Spirit shall not remain in these men, because they are flesh”.

These words the incarnate Word of God speaks: for being very God of very God the Father, and having become for our sakes man without undergoing change, with us **He is anointed with the oil of gladness**, the Spirit having descended upon Him at the Jordan in the form of a dove. For in old times both kings and priests were anointed symbolically, gaining thereby a certain measure of sanctification, but He who for our sakes became incarnate, was anointed with the spiritual oil of sanctification , and the actual descent of the Spirit, receiving it not for Himself, **but for us**.”

* Share a thought or two that came to mind during today’s study?