

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: November 22, 2020**  
**Fulfilled – “The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me...”**  
**Luke 4:16-21, 11:42-51, Isaiah 61:1-7 and 58:3b-12**

1. Read Luke 4:16-21. Where was Jesus in this text, according to verse 16? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What did Jesus do, according to verses 16-21?
  - a. He went to the synagogue, as was his custom.
  - b. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him.
  - c. He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down.
  - d. He said, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”
3. Read Luke 11:42-51. Given what Jesus says to the Pharisees and teachers of the law in this text, why was significant that Jesus chose the text in Luke 4.
  - a. The Pharisees and teachers of the law were focused on the wrong things.
  - b. The Pharisees only followed part of the law of God...the part that suited them...even though they proclaimed to be trying to follow the whole law.
  - c. The Pharisees and teachers of the law were hypocrites because they required things of the people, but they did not help the people who were in need.
4. Read Isaiah 61:1-7. How does this text begin? The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What do you think this suggests about the rest of this passage?
  - a. Well, it says “because” right after that and seems to suggest that these are the signs of God’s anointing...
  - b. Well, according to Jesus, it would suggest that the Spirit of the Lord was on Him. He did say that this scripture was “fulfilled” in their hearing.
  - c. I wonder if this means that these things will be present WHENEVER the Spirit of the Lord is on a person.?
6. What, according to the rest of this text, are the signs of the anointing of God?
  - a. ...to \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. ...to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. ...to \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. ...and \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - e. ...to \_\_\_\_\_ the year of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - f. ...to \_\_\_\_\_ all who \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Read Isaiah 58:3b-12. The Luke 4 text is not simply a direct quote from Isaiah 61. References in the Luke 4 text would suggest that the author, Luke, conflated chapter 61 and chapter 58. It is possible that Jesus read several chapters and not just a few verses. Luke’s story, then, only includes a few representative phrases. These were the phrases necessary to tell the story and get the idea but should not be considered the only verses that Jesus read that day. What does chapter 58 say that might add to our discussion?
  - a. Well, this sounds very much like the Luke 11 text...
  - b. Well, apparently Jesus was not only identifying the anointing of the Spirit of the Lord on Him, but also the lack of the Spirit on them!
  - c. Well, I think I have a better idea of why everybody was so furious and ran him out of town afterward...by saying “this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing,” he was not just identifying himself as the anointed one of God, but also identifying them as hypocrites who follow particular rules while they treat others poorly.
8. Which part of this scripture is “fulfilled” in your life? \_\_\_\_\_