

Book of the prophet Isaiah and from the sermon by Saint Augustine, bishop

Jesus going to worship on the sabbath reads the scroll from Isaiah and when he finishes, sits down and begins to preach. He tells them that, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." (Luke 4:21). What does he mean by these words?

Jesus confirms that he was sent by the father to fulfill all that was prophesied, and he begins by telling them that he came to save not only Israel but the gentiles as well. Jesus came to save us thru the union of the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother. "On this day the heavens rain down and the earth opened up to bring forth a savior." Born without sin but of the flesh so he would know the trials we face from temptations. He tells us how to live a holy life and how to combat sin, we just have to choose which path we are going to take.

Prisoners, captives, those that mourn, strangers, shepherds, farmers, and vinedressers he tells us will be named priests, and for Israel and her descendants, they will be acknowledged as the blessed race of the Lord. In the last paragraph he tells them that God will bring forth plants and gardens that will spring up, and God will make justice and praise spring up before all nations. Those that hear the call and follow will have all that God has promised in this life and eternity.

As this new year begins let us resolve to follow Gods plan and not our plan.

