

## The Passions of Christ Setting the Captives Free

Introduction - Jesus was passionate about **RECOVERING** people overwhelmed by this world.

### I. Jesus is the **ANOINTED** One - Isaiah 61:1-2; Luke 4:18a

- The descent of the Holy Spirit at His baptism revealed His anointing  
- Luke 3:21-22
- We share this calling - 1 John 2:20

### II. Good News for the **POOR** - Luke 4:18b

- Those without this world's comforts and treasures; more readily disposed to seek Heaven's treasures - Matthew 5:3
- Jesus preached to the poor whom the Pharisees and Sadducees hated - Matthew 11:5
- The Gospel pours contempt on human greatness  
- 1 Corinthians 1:26-29

### III. **FREEDOM** for Captives - Luke 4:18c

- We are prisoners of sin and death, blind to our plight - Luke 8:26-39
- Receiving sight redeems us from spiritual darkness

### IV. God's **FAVOR** - Luke 4:19

- Jesus is God's greatest grace/favor given in order to escape His vengeance - Isaiah 61:2
- We must make use of Christ, God's favor - Luke 13:5; Hebrews 2:3a

Conclusion - Let's allow Jesus to set us **FREE** today!

*All scripture is from the HCSB unless otherwise noted.*