



PRESENTING CHRIST

Dealing with Objections

Luke 4:22-30

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1. When they _____ (vv.22, 24)

...Point to our _____

2. When they _____ (v.23)

...Say they _____

3. When they _____ (vv.25-28)

...Tell them to _____

4. When they _____ (vv.29-30)

...Pray for _____

22 And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"

23 And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well."

24 And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. 25 But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, 26 and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.

27 And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." 28 When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath.

29 And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff.

30 But passing through their midst, he went away. (ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Romans 10:14-17**. There are many Christians who come up with a variety of reasons for why they shouldn't have to speak to others about the gospel. How would you respond to those who think they can just "live a good life" and their life will do the talking for them?
2. Read **1 Peter 3:13-17**. What concerns you most about the opposition you might encounter when presenting the gospel to non-Christian friends and coworkers? How can you better prepare for this?
3. Read **1 Corinthians 1:18-29** and **Titus 2:1-10**. How do you reconcile these two passages? In what way should we be concerned about how non-Christians perceive us and in what way should we not?
4. Read **Matthew 9:36-38** and **Romans 9:1-3 & 10:1**. Though Jesus modeled and instructed his disciples to move on when they encountered people who refused to hear the truth, how can we keep from becoming insensitive and calloused about people when they do?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

May 19th

2Kgs.23-25 & Jn.7:1-31

May 20th

1Chr.1-2 & Jn.7:32-53

May 21st

1Chr.3-5 & Jn.8:1-20

May 22nd

1Chr.6-7 & Jn.8:21-36

May 23rd

1Chr.8-10 & Jn.8:37-59

May 24th

1Chr.11-13 & Jn.9:1-23

May 25th

1Chr.14-16 & Jn.9:24-41

May 26th

1Chr.17-19 & Jn.10:1-21

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. # 11-12 – **The King of Kings: And Some Unlikely Princes & Princesses**

Msg. # 11-14 – **Did It Really Happen? Why We Actually Believe in the Resurrection**

Msg. # 04-25 – **A Brief Study of When God Breaks the Rules He Made**

Msg. # 10-05 – **Evangelistic Opposition: How to Respond to Objections**

Msg. # 12-32 – **Luke: God's Diligent Student**

Msg. # 00-23 – 00-28 – **The Big Questions** (a six-part series on the veracity of Christianity)

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Beckwith, Francis and Greg Koukl. **Relativism: Feet Firmly Planted in Mid-air**. Baker Books, 1998.

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Lewis, Gordon R. **Testing Christianity's Truth Claims: Approaches to Christian Apologetics**. Moody Press, 1976.

McGrath, Alistair. **Intellectuals Don't Need God & Other Modern Myths**. Zondervan, 1993.

Nash, Ronald H. **Worldviews in Conflict: Choosing Christianity in a World of Ideas**. Zondervan, 1992.

Pearcy, Nancy. **Total Truth: Liberating Christianity from Its Cultural Captivity**. Crossway, 2008.

Ramm, Bernard. **Protestant Christian Evidences**. Eerdmans, 1954.

Schaeffer, Francis. **The God Who is There: Speaking Historic Christianity into the 20th Century**. InterVarsity, 1968.

Sproul, R.C. & et al. **Classical Apologetics: A Rational Defense of the Christian Faith**. Zondervan, 1984.