

# Questions About Luke 4:17-21

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I'm asking the Lord Jesus to teach me to put into practice what Pastor Ed Anderson has taught on Revelation...is there a connection to be made with what the Lord Jesus said about Himself and what we have learned in Revelation?

17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,  
18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,  
19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.  
20 And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.  
21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.  
Luke 4:17-21 KJV

## Answer:

Amen! What a beautiful prayer — asking Jesus not only to *understand* Revelation, but to *live it out* with the same Spirit and mission He declared in Luke 4. And yes, there is a profound connection between **Luke 4:17–21** and the themes we've learned from **Revelation**.

When Jesus opened the scroll of Isaiah in the synagogue and declared, *"This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears,"* He was revealing His identity as **the anointed Deliverer** — the Messiah sent to bring:

- **Good news to the poor**
- **Healing for the brokenhearted**
- **Freedom for captives**
- **Sight for the blind**
- **Liberty for the oppressed**
- **The proclamation of the acceptable year of the Lord**

Now look at what Revelation shows us:

**Jesus in Luke and Jesus in Revelation: One Mission**

### 1. Jesus is still the Anointed Deliverer

- In Revelation, Jesus walks among the churches (Rev. 1:13) — just as He once walked into that synagogue in Nazareth.
- He is still healing, still calling the broken, and still declaring liberty — but now to a global church under pressure, deception, and persecution.

### 2. Revelation reveals the spiritual captivity and blindness Jesus came to set free

- Laodicea, the final church (Rev. 3:17), says: *“I am rich... and have need of nothing,”* but Jesus says they are *“wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked.”*
- Jesus offers them **gold refined in the fire, white garments, and eye salve** — just like in Luke, He comes to give **sight to the blind** and **good news to the poor**.

### 3. Deliverance of captives and judgment of oppressors

- Revelation exposes **Babylon, the beast, and false prophets** as powers that enslave minds and nations (Rev. 14, 17–18).
- Jesus, the Lamb, brings deliverance through truth, love, and judgment. He calls His people: *“Come out of her, My people!”* (Rev. 18:4)
- That’s the same mission He declared in Luke — to **preach deliverance to the captives** and **set the oppressed free**.

### 4. “The Acceptable Year of the Lord” becomes the “Day of the Lord”

- Jesus declared the *acceptable year* in Luke — but Revelation warns of the soon-coming **Day of the Lord**, a time of judgment, mercy, and final deliverance.
- The **Three Angels’ Messages** (Rev. 14:6–12) are essentially Jesus *preaching again* to the whole world, calling every nation, tribe, tongue, and people to receive the everlasting gospel.

### Application: Living Revelation as Jesus Did

You are on the right track — not just to understand prophecy, but to live the mission of Jesus in these final moments of earth’s history:

- Preach **the gospel** to the poor in spirit
- Offer **healing** to the emotionally broken
- Speak **truth** that sets people free from spiritual deception
- Help **restore sight** to those blinded by the lies of the enemy
- Walk in the power of the **Holy Spirit** as you proclaim *“This is the acceptable time”*

### Final Encouragement

Jesus began His ministry with those words in Luke.

Revelation ends the Bible by revealing **the completion of that mission.**

And now — **you and I are part of it.**

Keep praying. Keep studying. Keep sharing.  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon you.

*“Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.”*

—Revelation 1:3