



# Friends of Jesus and Mary

## Cycle C - III Sunday in Ordinary Time

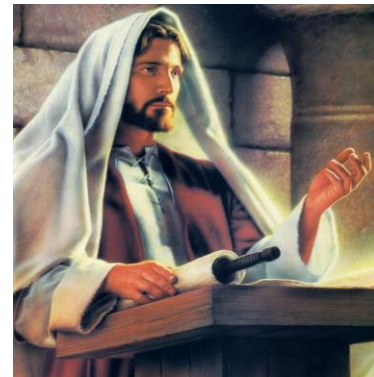
*Nehemiah 8, 2-6.8-10; Psalm 18; 1Corinthians 12, 12-30; Luke 1, 1-4; 4, 14-21*

### "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled ..."

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received. Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the Sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.* Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

### Reflection

**St. Luke, who wrote this Gospel, starts writing to Theophilus, a distinguished person to whom he dedicates this Gospel. This Gospel passage starts when Jesus is 30 years old and starts his public ministry; He starts preaching to everyone about God's love. Before this, He lived quietly with Joseph and Mary, hiding His divinity. How did His public ministry begin?** (Inspired by the Holy Spirit, He returned to Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and was praised by all.) **Then Jesus returns to Nazareth where He was raised, where everyone knew Him as the son of the carpenter Joseph and of Mary. He enters the synagogue on the Sabbath and reads from scripture as was customary. What was the reading?** (He read from a scroll of the prophet Isaiah about the coming Messiah.) **What did it say?** (*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor...*) **What did Jesus mean when He said, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing...?"** (He is the one anointed to take the Good News to the poor..., the awaited Messiah, the Savior.) **What is the Good News that the Messiah brings?** (God sent His only son, to be God's Word, to show us how much He loves us and how to love others. He also came to pay for our sins on the cross, thus opening the gates of Heaven for us. He then sends the Holy Spirit to live in us, guiding, healing, protecting, and loving us...) **What does Gospel mean?** (The Good News.) **How can you take the Good News to your family and friends?** Share.



### Activity

On the next page, speak a little about the four evangelists and color. On the other page, fill in the blanks with the words below the page and color. On the last page, color and cut cross onto brown paper cut in the form of a larger cross. Can use brown paper bag. Punch a whole on top and tie ribbon for hanging. Write behind how we can be witnesses of the Good News. Play telephone with the phrases of the prophesy. One child whispers a phrase into the ear of another child. The 2<sup>nd</sup> child must whisper the same phrase to a 3<sup>rd</sup> child... After everyone has listened to the phrase, the last child states the phrase out loud to see how the phrase has changed.

### Prayer

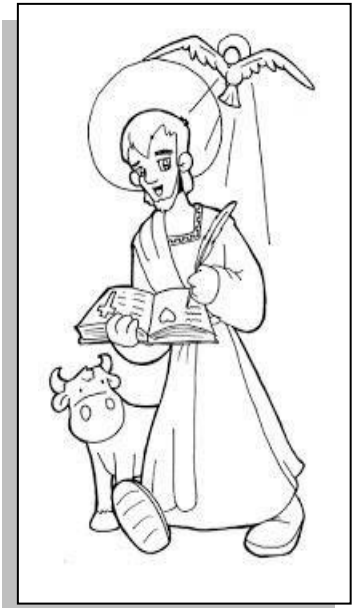
Lord, help me to take the Good News to others. In times of sadness, help me to be compassionate. In times of division, help me to be a bridge. In times of disillusion, give me words of encouragement. Amen.

**Song:** Make Me a Channel of your Peace, Best Kids Worship Songs (Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/qasGIAN399o>

**PPT:** [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1iKBMjZ0ADZkmBvnr\\_RYfkiuPdWya0rdn/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1iKBMjZ0ADZkmBvnr_RYfkiuPdWya0rdn/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true)



THE FOUR EVANGELISTS



**St. Matthew  
(The Angel)**

- \*He was one of the 12 apostles.
- \*He was a tax collector.
- \*He left his job to follow Jesus.
- \*He writes everything Jesus did and said, especially His teachings.
- \*He wrote his Gospel around the year 80.

**St. Mark  
(The Lion)**

- \*He was a disciple and secretary to St. Peter.
- \*He wrote everything Peter taught about Jesus.
- \*It was written around the year 70.

**St. Luke  
(The Bull)**

- \*He did not know Jesus personally.
- \*He accompanied St. Paul and collected Jesus teaches by talking to those who lived with Him.
- \*He speaks about the Virgin Mary and the infancy of Jesus.
- \*He wrote his Gospel around 50 years after Jesus died.

**St. John  
(The Eagle)**

- \*He was one of the 12 apostles.
- \*This Gospel is a little different from the others and so is called "the spiritual gospel".
- \*He finished writing his gospel around the year 100.



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Fill in the blanks with the words below.

*The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ is upon me, because  
he has \_\_\_\_\_ me to bring glad \_\_\_\_\_ to  
the \_\_\_\_\_. He has sent me to proclaim  
\_\_\_\_\_ to captives and recovery of sight  
to the \_\_\_\_\_, to let the oppressed go \_\_\_\_\_,  
and to proclaim a year \_\_\_\_\_ to the  
Lord.*

**Choose from the following words:** Tidings    Anointed    Acceptable  
Blind    Spirit    Free    Poor    Liberty    Lord

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Jesus, help me  
to understand  
the Good News  
of your love and  
salvation.

Jesus, free  
me from  
all that  
separates  
me from  
you.



Jesus,  
open my  
eyes so I  
may see  
Your  
presence  
in my life.

Jesus, send your  
Holy Spirit into my  
heart and fill it  
with the graces I  
need to be a  
witness of your  
Love.