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What is the Good News?

- Those who are captive are freed.
- Those who are oppressed are freed.
- The blind see.
 - ◊ Both the literally and spiritually blind are made able to see once again!

Year of the Lord's Favor:

- At the end of seven seventh years, you celebrate the year of _____.
- In this year, Israel experiences a massive restructuring of their economic system.
 - ◊ All land is untended.
 - ◊ All land that has been sold is returned.
 - ◊ All houses are returned.
 - ◊ All slaves are released.
- No matter how badly you messed up, the Year of Jubilee returns you back to the starting point.

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 1. Expression of Disbelief: This man is making grand proclamations, and it sounds good, but can we trust him? We know his dad...
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- Jesus declares that freedom has come...
- And the people are _____.
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The Point:

- You think the good news to the poor is about _____ and _____ alone.
- You think it should start with you and be restricted to you.
- But, that has never been how God operated.
 - ◊ God has always had room for people that you don't expect.

God Has Always Had Room For:

- Gentiles- The Widow
- Prostitutes- Tamar and Rahab
- Adulterers- David
- Cowards- Gideon
- Murderers- Moses
- Drunks- Noah
- Enemy Soldiers- Naaman

Parallels:

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 - ◊ In both places, he speaks with _____.
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- After teaching, people respond to his teaching.
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- Here, the negative report is actually because of _____.
 - ◊ "The Holy One of God"

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