

## **Everyday Angels – Everyday People**

This is a prophecy given to Isaiah, but in Luke 4:18-20 we see Jesus effectively 'own' it as He declares it in the temple at Nazareth.

The first verses speak of Jesus' call/mission and are all very positive.

What do you make of the second line of **v2**? It seems to stand out as a challenging, negative thing to proclaim.

*But proclaiming “the day of vengeance of our God” is in fact part of the Good News, because we cannot speak the truth about coming judgement without also speaking about redemption & salvation through Christ.*

Do you recognise the three sections of the RBC Purpose statement in **v1-4**?

*Loving Our Community / Sharing God's Hope / Seeing Lives Transformed*

Although this prophecy is written about Jesus, we have heard that we are to do the things Jesus did, and even greater things (John 14:12); and in **v4-5** we see the outcome of following Jesus' call. What themes do we see there?

*Planting and growth, restoration and redemption, new generations*

*“Today and every day, remember to do the something that you can do to be Good News.”*

**Ben Cutting**

*“Ooze the Good News wherever you are.”*

**Chris Duffett**

Below is my annotated version of Isaiah 61 in case it is helpful.

**Ricky**



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# A word that scares Christians

SOMETIMES THE  
BEST EVANGELISM  
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## The Year of the LORD's Favor

61 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,

because the LORD has anointed me (we are to do what Jesus did)  
to proclaim good news to the poor. What is 'good news'? (see below)

He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,

to proclaim freedom for the captives  
and release from darkness for the prisoners, <sup>blind</sup> <sub>- liberty</sub>  
<sub>- those without</sub>  
<sub>- light ←</sub>

<sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor - God's blessing

and the day of vengeance of our God, (+ redemption - requiring salvation!)

to comfort all who mourn,

[deliverance + protection]

God's intention to rescue His people  
- Good News -

<sup>3</sup> and provide for those who grieve in Zion—

to bestow on them a crown of beauty - Clothe them with...

instead of ashes,

the oil of joy

instead of mourning,

and a garment of praise

instead of a spirit of despair.

They will be called oaks of righteousness,

a planting of the LORD

for the display of his splendor.

<sup>4</sup> They will rebuild the ancient ruins

and restore the places long devastated;

they will renew the ruined cities

that have been devastated for generations.

<sup>5</sup> Strangers will shepherd your flocks; - new generation of Ministers/Elders

foreigners will work your fields and vineyards. - new generation of believers

<sup>6</sup> And you will be called priests of the LORD,

Loving our  
Community

Share God's Hope

Outcome of the  
above

Planting + growth  
(see v 11)

Restoration  
+  
Redemption

Those who are  
not yet part of RBC  
+ not yet even  
known to us

Seeing Lives Transformed

you will be named ministers of our God.

**You will feed on the wealth of nations,  
and in their riches you will boast.**

**7** Instead of your shame  
**you will receive a double portion,**  
and instead of disgrace

**you will rejoice in your inheritance.**

And **so you will inherit a double portion** in your land,  
and everlasting joy will be yours.

**8** "For I, the LORD, love justice;  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing.

In **my faithfulness** I will **reward my people**  
and make an **everlasting covenant** with them.

**9** Their descendants will be known among the nations  
and their offspring among the peoples.

**All who see them will acknowledge  
that they are a people the LORD has blessed."**

**10** I delight greatly in the LORD;  
my soul rejoices in my God.

For he has clothed me with garments of salvation  
and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness,  
as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

**11** For as the soil makes the sprout come up  
and a garden causes seeds to grow,  
so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness  
and praise spring up before all nations.

Blessing

♪ carried the cross for <sup>our</sup> my shame"

FAITHFULNESS

→ Song

Life + Growth