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Luke 4:14-29

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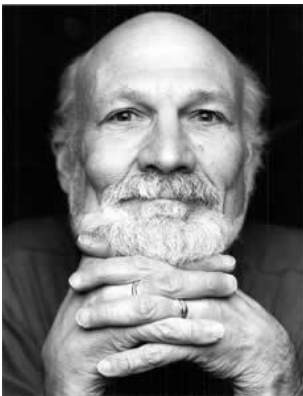
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 - Of course not!
 - Poor, prisoner, blind, oppressed, women, gentiles, lepers...etc.

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“Christianity is an invitation to be part of an alien people who make a difference because they see something that cannot otherwise be seen without Christ.... The biggest problem facing Christian theology is not translation but enactment..... The church is the visible, political enactment of our language of God....”

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 - Are we participating in Jesus' mission?

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3. Jesus the Divine King
 - ▣ In order to follow Jesus, we must be convinced Jesus is who he says he is.
 - ▣ No one reacts mildly to Jesus
 - Either people want to kill him or follow him.
 - Is your version of Christianity a *mild* one? Are you understanding Jesus correctly?