John Wyclif - 1320-1384

Study Questions

Scripture: *Luke 4:16*

Christ Preaching at Nazareth

1. Wyclif emphasizes that Jesus preached “in the power of the Spirit,” modeling the dependence every preacher must have on God.

How does this challenge modern ideas of preaching or ministry that rely primarily on skill, charisma, or strategy?

2. Christ reads Isaiah 61 and declares that its promises—good news for the poor, liberty for the captive, healing for the broken—are fulfilled in Him.

Which part of Christ’s mission speaks most directly to your present spiritual condition?

3. Wyclif laments that preaching in his day had become corrupted by pride, covetousness, and the desire to please crowds.

Where do you see similar temptations in the church today, and how can congregations encourage faithful, Christ-centered preaching?

4. Jesus’ declaration “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing” confronts the listener with a choice—believe or resist the Word now present.

What Scriptures has God recently “made present” to you, and how have you responded?

5. Wyclif notes that since Christ Himself read from a written text, it is lawful and fitting for preachers to prepare written sermons if it helps the people.

How does this principle clarify the true purpose of preaching—and how might it shape the way you listen to sermons?

Notes

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