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Then Jesus Came!

There was such a good response to last week's "When Jesus Comes" column that I decided to preach Sunday on the title of that song "Then Jesus Came!" I mentioned that there was great spiritual darkness in Israel, but "Then Jesus Came!" He came, "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying...*The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up*" (Matthew 4:14-16). Sin, disease, and bondage to Satan saturated society, but **then Jesus came** and read Isaiah's prophecy, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me **to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.**" Then Jesus proclaimed, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears" (Luke 4:18, 21). "*And great multitudes came...lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others...and he healed them*" (Matthew 15:30).

In Mark 9:14-27 we read of a father whose son was possessed by a demon that tried to kill him repeatedly by throwing him into the fire and water. **Then Jesus came** and set the son free!

A man was full of leprosy and consequently a hopeless outcast of society. **Then Jesus came** "and touched him...And immediately the leprosy departed from him" (Luke 5:12-13).

Zacchaeus, a rich tax collector for Rome, was a lonely man hated by the Jews and a man with deep spiritual needs. **Then Jesus Came!** Zacchaeus discovered that **Jesus knew his name and everything about him** resulting in the conviction and repentance of his sins, and a changed life."

The last verse of this song, "**Then Jesus Came,**" says, "*So, men, today, have found the Savior able. They could not conquer passion, lust and sin. Their broken hearts had left them sad and lonely, Then Jesus came and dwelt, Himself, within.*" Have you found it so?

Note: Hear this "Then Jesus Came!" message at: www.naog.ws/sermons.htm