

## JESUS BEGINS HIS MISSION

(based on Luke 4:14-22)

Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, returned to Galilee. News about him spread all through that place. He taught in the **synagogues** and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazareth where he had been brought up and went into the synagogue as he usually did. He stood up to read. He was given the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place and read:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me for he has chosen and anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to heal the broken hearted. He has sent me to set free all those who are imprisoned or oppressed in any way.”

He rolled up the **scroll**, gave it back to the synagogue attendant and sat down. All the people in the synagogue were looking at him as he said to them, “This passage of Scripture came true today while you heard it being read.”

Everyone was impressed by him and marvelled at the wonderful and powerful words that he spoke.



Nazareth today

### **tempted**

*When we feel we want to do something, which we know or feel, is bad. When something happens that forces us to choose between what we know is right and something we know or feel is wrong. In the Bible the Tempter is called Satan or the devil.*

### **Synagogue**

*The synagogue was the meeting-house for the local Jewish community. They gathered there on the Sabbath to pray and listen to the Word of God. It was also a school where Jewish boys learned the Scriptures.*

### **scroll**

*The Jewish Scriptures were written by hand on scrolls. These scrolls were treated with great respect and care and kept in a special place in the synagogue. This box or cupboard was called the Ark to remind the people of the special ark in which the Israelites kept the tablets of the Law on their journey through the desert.*