



Rejection Road

Quest Book:
Chapter 27

Luke 4:16-30

A. The Announcement: Jesus is the Anointed One

1. The Divine Declaration Begins

“Unrolling it, He found the place where it is written, ‘The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to proclaim good news to the poor.’” Luke 4:18a (NIV)

2. A Declaration of Freedom

“‘He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind...’” Luke 4:18b (NIV)

3. A Declaration of Restoration

“...to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”” Luke 4:18c-19 (NIV)

4. A Declaration of Clarity

“Then He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on Him. He began by saying to them, ‘Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.’” Luke 4:20-21 (NIV)

B. The Offense: Praise Turns to Murder

1. The response seemed to be going well.

“All spoke well of Him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from His lips. ‘Isn’t this Joseph’s son?’ they asked.” Luke 4:22 (NIV)

2. The words that started the shift in mood.

“Jesus said to them, ‘Surely you will quote this proverb to Me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell Me, ‘Do here in Your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’ ‘Truly I tell you,’ He continued, ‘no prophet is accepted in His hometown.’” Luke 4:23-24 (NIV)

3. The comparison that led to attempted murder.

“‘I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarapath in the region of Sidon. And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleaned—only Naaman the Syrian.’ All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this.” Luke 4:25-28 (NIV)

4. The response of a Spirit-led Christ.

“But He walked right through the crowd and went on His way.” Luke 4:29-30 (NIV)

C. The Practical: Spirit-led in 2025

1. The Three False Anchors

- The crowd (Cultural Conformity)
- The Devil (Self-Exaltation and Division)
- The Inner Monologue (Self-Deception)

2. The Three Anchors

a. The Scriptures (The Guide)

“Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.” Acts 17:11 (NIV)

b. The Community (The Accountability)

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

c. The Fruit (Evidence)

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)

To be led by the Spirit in 2025 is to be radically counter-cultural—anchored to the truth, accountable to the church community, and dedicated to producing the meek, unmistakable fruit of Christ-like character in a loud, demanding world.

Bottom Line:

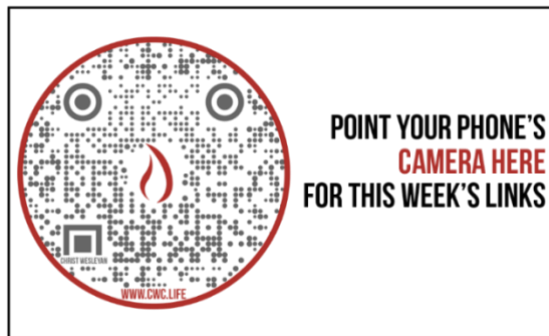
Spirit-led means choosing Christ over the crowd.

To begin a relationship with Jesus...
Text: "Jesus" to 570-273-0088

Next Sunday: Jesus' Way
Following the Route of Radical Transformation

Week 2: Backseat Driver
Quest Book: Chapter 28

Milton Campus: Pastor Branden Mestach
Sunbury Campus: Pastor Billy Robel



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 91.2%

Giving year to date: 89.6% of goal

Attendance Last Weekend: 1,753

Salvations to date: 83 | Baptisms to date: 51

"Reach the One" Campaign Update

160 – Pledges with 412 Total Participants

\$2,153,311.95 - Donations Anticipated by Nov. 2027

\$1,319,485.65 - Received Donations – 35% of \$4M Goal

Want to pledge, donate, or learn more?

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Upcoming Happenings:

Friday, October 24th – Trunk or Treat!

Sunday, October 26th -Membership Class 12:30p

November 2nd -Welcome Party

November 6th-8th -Anastasia the Musical!

Pick up the latest copy of "CWC Now The Magazine" in the foyer today for more information about all the happenings here at CWC.

Notetakers are History Makers

Looking for your next step at CWC?

Welcome Party – 1st Sunday of Every Month

- If you are new or if you've been around a bit and are looking to build friendships with others, our Welcome Party is for you! **Get to know others** who are newer at CWC as well as our welcome team and our pastors in a relational environment. There will be light refreshments and the opportunity to hear about our small groups, baptism, and your next step of Growth Track. If you're asking the question, "*How can I make friends here,*" then this is for you! No registration is required, you can just show up. Look for the signs on the first Sunday of the month.

Growth Track – 3-week class on Sunday Mornings or Wednesday Nights

- Growth Track exists to help you learn about the vision of CWC, the gifts God has given you, and how you can use them in specific opportunities to serve at CWC. You'll learn amongst others of how to become a vital part of the ministries of the church so that we can share the light of Christ with our communities. If you miss a class, don't worry! Growth Track runs every month and we even have an online option you can participate in (though we recommend in-person if you can). You can see what classes are available by going to bit.ly/cwcgrowthtrack.

Membership Class – Once a quarter on Sundays after 2nd service

- Membership class is the last step of fully assimilating at CWC. Learn about our denomination, The Wesleyan Church and the bigger movement we are a part of across the world. This 3-hour class with the lead pastor provides you a place to **ask important questions about our beliefs as a church** and allows you to become eligible for our local board of administration. You also become eligible for denominational events like our district and general conferences. To sign up for our next class, let us know at the Hub or email: loretta.paulhamus@cwc.life