

A Romance with the Rejected

Luke 4:16-21

Introduction

We are often overwhelmed by a sense of meaninglessness and despair, completely out of touch with the secure feeling of being loved and accepted just as we are. God sent Christ to fill our emptiness with his infinite fullness.

- I. God's love is unexpected
 - (A) Hidden in the familiar
 - (B) Expressed through the commonplace
 - (C) Extended to the world's unwanted
- II. God's love is unaccepted
 - (A) by the spiritual proud – they know how it is to come
 - (B) by the socially proud – they know whom it won't come
 - (C) by the personally proud – they know they deserve it
- III. God's love is vindicated
 - (A) by the Scriptures – they testify to Him
 - (B) by the steadfastness of his church – it still endures
 - (C) by His people – changed lives are indisputable

Conclusion

The greatest power of all is the power of God's love. God will prevail, through that love.