

SERMON NOTES

**The Hole In Our Gospel:
Where is the Hole?**
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“He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” [Micah 6:8]

“How terrible it will be for you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites!
For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest part of your income, but you ignore the important things of the law – justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but you should not leave undone the more important things.” [Matthew 23:23]

Luke 4:14-21

“Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.” He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read.” The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:” The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” 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, and he began by saying to them, “today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

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1] THE WHOLE GOSPEL INCLUDES THE SPIRITUAL

“preach good news to the poor”.

“proclaim freedom for the prisoner”

“give sight to the blind

“release the oppressed.”

“proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

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2] THE WHOLE GOSPEL INCLUDES THE PHYSICAL

“preach good news to the poor

“give sight to the blind.”

“As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him.

Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us! The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!”

Jesus stopped and called them. “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked. “Lord,” they answered, “we want our sight.” Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.” [Mt. 20:29-34]

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3] THE WHOLE GOSPEL INCLUDES THE SOCIAL

“give sight to the blind.”

“release the oppressed.”

“proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Jesus didn’t just save you FROM something. He saved you FOR something.

“For by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not of your own doing: it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast. “For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus FOR good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.” Ephesians 2:8-10 [NRSV]