INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scriptural text: Luke 4:16-21.
- B. Jesus is or has the answer to all of the problems of life. We believe this, because we believe in the power of prayer to God the Father.
- C. God is sovereign, and there is nothing that is impossible for Him to do.
- D. The lesson today deals with 7 attributes of Christ that we can take stock in. When problems arise, we have Someone to turn to.

WHATEVER THE QUESTION, HE HAS THE ANSWER.

A. Scripture text: **John 14:6**.

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me."

B. Jesus is the embodiment of truth. There's no falsehood in Him at all.

See Jn. 8:45,46; 18:36,37; 1:47.

(Jn 1:47) Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!"

(Jn 8:45-46) "But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me. Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I speak truth, why do you not believe Me?"

(Jn 18:36-37) Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting, that I might not be delivered up to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm." Pilate therefore said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

- C. Obedience to the truth purifies the soul (1Pet. 1:22).

 Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart.
- D. Jesus will never mislead or make a mistake--He is truth! Trust Him!

II. WHATEVER THE PROBLEM, HE IS THE SOLUTION.

A. Scripture text: **Matthew 11:28-30**.

"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and YOU SHALL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. For My yoke is easy, and My load is light."

- B. No one can successfully claim that they have no problems in their life. Jesus offers help in dealing with our struggles. All of us are heavy laden and burdened in some way (Heb. 4:15; 2:14-18). (**Heb 4:15**) For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.
 - (Heb 2:14-18) Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil; and might deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives. For assuredly He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the descendant of Abraham. Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.
- D. Notice in the Heb. 2:14-18 passage the following:
 - 1. Jesus rendered powerless the devil.
 - Jesus releases us from the fear of death.
 - 3. Jesus gives help not to angels, but to those of spiritual Abraham.
 - 4. Jesus is merciful, faithful, and a propitiation for us.
 - 5. Jesus can emphasize, and come to our aid in times of trouble.

III. WHATEVER THE HURT, HE IS THE HEALER.

A. Scripture text: Luke 4:18.

"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE DOWNTRODDEN,..."

- B. The scripture reading today is the entire ministry of Jesus in microcosm.
- C. Jesus is to be our spiritual physician (Mt. 9:12; 13:15).

(Mt 9:12) But when He heard this, He said, "It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick."

(Mt. 13:15) FOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL, AND WITH THEIR EARS THEY SCARCELY HEAR, AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES LEST THEY SHOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES, AND HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART AND RETURN, AND I SHOULD HEAL THEM.'

D. We can also be healed spiritually (of our sin) by Christ (1Pet. 2:24).

...and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

IV. WHATEVER THE BONDAGE, HE IS THE LIBERATOR.

A. Scripture text: John 8:32.

"...and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

B. Notice the spiritual freedom in these verses; Gal. 5:1; Rev. 1:5; Rom. 7:22-8:1.

(Gal 5:1) It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.

(Rev 1:5) and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us, and released us from our sins by His blood,...

(Rom 7:22-8:1) For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind, and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

V. WHATEVER THE BURDEN, HE IS THE OVERCOMER.

A. Scripture text: John 16:33.

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

- B. The message of the book of Revelation is that Xians are told that by staying faithful to X they can overcome (Rev. 1:9). Eight times, Jesus promises manifold blessings to those who overcome.
- C. Notice the following passages; 2Pet. 2:19; 1Jn. 4:4; 5:4; Rev. 17:14.

(2Pet 2:19) ...promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved.

(1Jn 4:4) You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

(1Jn 5:4) For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith.

(Rev 17:14) "These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful."

VI. WHATEVER THE NEED, HE IS THE SUPPLIER.

A. Scripture text: **Matthew 7:7-11**.

"Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it shall be opened. Or what man is there among you, when his son shall ask him for a loaf, will give him a stone? Or if he shall ask for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!"

- B. God has an inexhaustible bank account. Instead of drawing on mine (which is spiritually bankrupt), I need to draw on His (Phil. 4:19).
 - And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
- C. Give and it shall be given to you (Lk. 6:38)!

 "Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."
- D. God can supply our needs, even unto the wildest of dreams (Eph. 3:20)!

 Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,...

VII. WHATEVER THE SIN, HE IS THE FORGIVER.

- A. Scripture text: **Psalm 103:2-5**.
 - Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget none of His benefits; Who pardons all your iniquities; Who heals all your diseases; Who redeems your life from the pit; Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion; Who satisfies your years with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle.
- B. Jesus is the just and the justifier (Rom. 3:25).
- C. Notice the following verses on forgiveness; Mt. 6:14,15; Mk. 2:10; 1Jn. 1:9. (Mt 6:14-15) "For if you forgive men for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions." (Mk 2:10) "But in order that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins..." (1Jn 1:9) If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- D. Even when dying on the cross, Jesus practiced forgiveness (Lk. 23:34).

 But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. Do you have a question, a problem, a hurt? Do you have a burden, a sin, a need. Are you in bondage of which you can't get out?
- B. Jesus has an answer for you!
- C. Come to the One who is the solution, the Healer, the Liberator, the Overcomer, the Supplier, the Forgiver. Come to the One who is the Answer!
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.