Title: The Man who changed the World - Introduction

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Societal impact.

Eminent Historian Will Durant: There is no greater drama in human record than the sight of a few Christians, scorned or oppressed by a succession of emperors, bearing all trials with a fiery tenacity, multiplying quietly, building order while their enemies generated chaos, fighting the sword with the word, brutality with hope, and at last defeating the strongest state that history has ever known. Caesar and Christ had met in the arena, and Christ had won.

How did He do it?

Luke 4:1 (NKJV) ¹ Then Jesus, **being filled** with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and **was led by the Spirit** into the wilderness...

Luke 4:14 (NKJV) ¹⁴ Then Jesus **returned in the power of the Spirit** to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me....

John 4:24 (NKJV) ²⁴ **God is Spirit**, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Luke 4:18–21 (NKJV) ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; ¹⁹ To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." … "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Preach good news (Prophet) - the poor

1 John 4:15 (NLT) ¹⁵ All who confess that Jesus is the Son of God <u>have God living in them</u>, and they live in God.

Heal broken hearted (Pastor) - broken hearts.

Liberty to the captives (Apostle) - Freedom from sin, sickness & evil.

Acts 10:38 (NKJV) ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

Sight to the blind (Teacher) - Eyes to see

1 Corinthians 2:9–10 (NKJV) ⁹ But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man <u>The things which God has prepared for those who love Him</u>." Revealed by His Spirit!!

Acceptable year of the Lord (Evangelist)

Acts 2:21 (NKJV) ²¹ And it shall come to pass that <u>whoever calls</u> on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.' *Spirit!