

“He is Able”
The “Big Message” of Jesus

I. Introduction

A. “Salvation” - - The total transformation of human life.

II. The “Big Message” of Jesus

A. A message of power.

1. Luke 4:14 (NLT) *Then Jesus returned to Galilee, filled with the Holy Spirit’s power. Soon he became well known throughout the surrounding country.*
2. Acts 1:8 *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”*

B. A message of Good News for the poor.

1. Luke 4:16 (NLT) *When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures.*
2. Luke 4:18a (NLT) *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has appointed me to preach Good News to the poor.”*
3. Matt. 25:45-46 (NLT) ⁴⁵*“And he will answer, ‘I assure you, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.’* ⁴⁶*And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life.”*
4. James 2:5 (NLT) *Listen to me, dear brothers and sisters. Hasn’t God chosen the poor in this world to be rich in faith? Aren’t they the ones who will inherit the kingdom God promised to those who love him?*

C. A message of freedom.

1. Luke 4:18-19 (NLT) ¹⁸*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has appointed me to preach Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the downtrodden will be freed from their oppressors, ¹⁹and that the time of the Lord’s favor has come.”*

D. A message of forgiveness.

1. Ps. 130:3-4 (NLT) ³*LORD, if you kept a record of our sins, who, O Lord, could ever survive? ⁴But you offer forgiveness, that we might learn to fear you.*

III. Conclusion

Upcoming weekend messages for “He Is Able”

Nov. 5-6 **Myths About Giving**

Nov. 12-13 **The Best is Yet to Come (1 Service held at the Glendale Arena)**

Nov. 19-20 **The Kind of Church God Builds**

Nov. 26-27 **What I Learned From our Building Campaign**

(Unless otherwise indicated all Scripture verses are in the New American Standard version.)