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Hebrews 13:8 - Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

His purpose then is His purpose today!

Acts 10:38 - 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.

Jesus proclaimed his intentions at his very first sermon.

Luke 4:17-18 – ¹⁷ And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: 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 and freedom to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;

Psalms 23:1-3 – ¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
² He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. ³ He restores my soul.

Gospel to poor

II Corinthians 8:9 - For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich or abundantly supplied

Liberty and Freedom – whom the Son sets free is free indeed

Galatians 5:1 - It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Free the oppressed

II Corinthians 1:8b-10 – ^{8b} We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. ⁹ Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. ¹⁰ He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us,