

PREACHING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

- I. I HAVE A MISSION--TO PREACH THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM.
 - A. ***Preached in all the world.***
 - B. ***Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom.***
 - 1. (Mark 1:14 KJV) Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,
 - 2. (Mat 4:23 KJV) And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

- II. THE GOSPEL.
 - A. ***If any man preach any other gospel...***
 - B. ***The gospel is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.***
 - C. ***The gospel is the power of God unto salvation.***
 - D. ***The gospel is the good news of liberation.***
 - E. ***The gospel is a message of life and hope.***

- III. WHAT ESSENTIALLY IS THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM?
 - A. ***Associated with healing all manner of sicknesses and diseases.***
 - B. ***It is a gospel of triumph of one kingdom over another.***
 - C. ***Satan's domain is one of darkness; ignorance; deception; bondage.***

- IV. GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM IS MARKED BY POWER AND AUTHORITY.
 - A. ***Kingdom of God is in power.*** (1 Cor 4:20 KJV) For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.
 - B. ***Demonstration of the Spirit and of power.*** (1 Cor 2:4 KJV) And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: (1 Cor 2:5 KJV) That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.
 - C. ***The power of the Holy Spirit is the only force that will bring true transformation.***

- V. JESUS' PREACHING WAS DIFFERENT.
 - A. ***Never man spake like this; people noted Jesus preached with authority.***
 - B. ***Jesus' ministry was characterized by healing and deliverance.***
 - 1. Go and show John.
 - 2. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.
 - 3. He commissioned the 70 to do the same.
 - 4. These signs shall follow.

- VI. NO DOUBT THE KINGDOM IS COME NIGH YOU.
 - A. ***Jesus ministers.*** (Mat 12:22 KJV) Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. (Mat 12:23 KJV) And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David?

- B. ***By the power of Beelzebub.*** (Mat 12:24 KJV) But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.
- C. ***A house divided against itself.*** (Mat 12:25 KJV) And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: (Mat 12:26 KJV) And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?
- D. ***Whom do your children?*** (Mat 12:27 KJV) And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges.
- E. ***The kingdom is come nigh you.*** (Mat 12:28 KJV) But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.
- F. ***This is the essence of the kingdom of God--power over unclean spirits. This is what the anointing is all about.***

VII. THE MANIAC OF GADARA.

- A. ***He made his home in the tombs.***
 - 1. The region of death and darkness; no light; no life.
 - 2. He was tormented.
- B. ***The devil would cause him to strip his clothes off.***
- C. ***He could not be held in chains; he broke them.***
- D. ***People of the city had to know who he was.***
- E. ***Jesus delivered him; sent spirits into pigs.***

VIII. RESPONSES.

- A. ***The town.***
 - 1. Had to know something had happened.
 - 2. They saw the man clothed and in his right mind.
 - 3. Their response:
 - a. They prayed that Jesus would depart from their city.
 - b. They liked things the way they were; they didn't want their economy messed with.
 - c. Communities make choices based on economics.
 - d. That's the reason you have establishments such as gambling, the lottery, liquor laws. It is pure economics.
 - e. A move of God could adversely affect all of these.
 - (1) Let things be as they are.
 - (2) We're happy.
- B. ***Another town's response to an exorcism.*** (Acts 19:13 KJV) Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. (Acts 19:14 KJV) And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. (Acts 19:15 KJV) And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? (Acts 19:16 KJV) And the man

in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

1. The name of the Lord is magnified. (Acts 19:17 KJV) And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. (Acts 19:18 KJV) And many that believed came, and confessed, and showed their deeds.
2. There is a book burning. (Acts 19:19 KJV) Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.
3. The Word of God grows. (Acts 19:20 KJV) So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.
4. Our business is hurt. (Acts 19:24 KJV) For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen; (Acts 19:25 KJV) Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth. (Acts 19:26 KJV) Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands: (Acts 19:27 KJV) So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth. (Acts 19:28 KJV) And when they heard these sayings, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

C. ***Pharisees (the church bunch).***

1. (Mat 12:24 KJV) But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.
2. Upset that Jesus would heal on the Sabbath.

D. ***The delivered man.***

1. He was so excited, he wanted to stay with Jesus. So excited, want to stay in church all the time. Go from campmeeting to campmeeting.
2. Lord, we're glad to be here. Let us build a memorial. "There's someone at the foot of the mountain who needs deliverance."
3. "Go tell what great things the Lord has done for you."
4. We should be so excited, we can't hold our peace--gotta go tell somebody! That's the key.

E. ***The result--Jesus' fame spread.***

IX. THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD UPON JESUS FOR FOLLOWING:

A. ***To preach the gospel to the poor.***

1. To reach a forgotten, lost group.
2. To change a lifestyle.
3. To release prosperity into their lives.

- B. ***To heal the brokenhearted.***
 - 1. Heal the results of betrayal; rejection.
 - 2. Personal hurts, pains, disappointments.
 - 3. When brokenhearted, don't know if you will ever live again.
- C. ***To preach deliverance to the captive.***
 - 1. To destroy yokes of bondage.
 - 2. To bring release; joy.
- D. ***To restore sight to the blind.***
 - 1. Physical healing.
 - 2. To see; to open understanding; enlightenment.
- E. ***To set at liberty them that are bruised.***
 - 1. Hurts or injuries beneath the surface; need for inner healing.
 - 2. Emotional trauma.
- F. ***To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.***
 - The year of Jubilee.