

Jesus Christ: Teacher, Preacher, Healer

Matthew 4:23-25 (ESV)

Jesus' Method of Ministry

²³ And he went throughout all Galilee,
teaching in their synagogues
and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom
and healing every disease
and every affliction among the people.

The Confirming Power of Jesus' Ministry

²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria,
and they brought him all the sick,
those afflicted with various diseases
and pains,
those oppressed by demons,
those having seizures,
and paralytics,
and he healed them.

The Great Effect of Jesus' Ministry

²⁵ And great crowds followed him
from Galilee and the Decapolis,
and from Jerusalem
and Judea,
and from beyond the Jordan.

Notes

"AND HE WENT..." Jesus mercifully pursues sinners for their salvation. (Ps. 23:6; Acts 1:1)
Matthew provides a model of Jesus' _____ of ministry. (i.e. Matt. 5-7, 8-9)

Jesus As Teacher/Preacher (v24a)

- **JESUS DID NOT COME AS:** a politician, military general, or social activist.
- **JESUS CAME AS:** a teacher & preacher of the _____ of God.

WHAT DOES THIS FACT COMMUNICATE ABOUT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST?

- Jesus did not believe that the primary problems with the world are political, sociological, racial, or economical.
- Jesus taught that the primary problem with the world is _____.
- He taught that the ultimate issue is sinful man's broken relationship to God (and the root cause behind all other manner of dysfunction/brokenness).
- Thus, in his teaching, Jesus did not focus on societal reform; he called sinner's back to a right relationship to God through repentance & faith.
- The "*gospel of the kingdom*" is the message that God is _____ to forgive, ransom, and completely renew guilty sinners who have rebelled.

TEACHING & PREACHING THE WORD OF GOD WAS JESUS' METHOD; it was his Apostle's method (Acts 8:25; I Cor. 2:1-2, 15:1-4); it is the method commanded of the Church (Matt. 28:18-20; Rm. 10:14; II Tim. 4:1-2); it should be our method.

Jesus As Healer (v24b-25)

"AND HEALING EVERY DISEASE AND EVERY AFFLICTION"

- Jesus' healing ministry continually demonstrated that his power & authority over the effects of sin was without limitation or exception.
- There is no _____ beyond the healing power & grace of God.

"HIS FAME SPREAD" (A.K.A. "THE NEWS/REPORT ABOUT HIM SPREAD")

- **V24-25 ARE MEANT TO SHOW US THAT JESUS' HEALING MINISTRY WAS:**
 - PUBLIC • REPEATED • EXTENSIVELY APPLIED, & • VERIFIABLE BY DIVERSE WITNESSES
- Matthew wants us to know that Jesus' healing ministry is: _____ & _____ — **BUT WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT?**
- **THIS IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT B/C THE HEALING MINISTRY OF JESUS CHIEFLY SERVED THE PURPOSE OF:** _____ his teaching/proclamation as the Word of God. (Heb. 2:3-4)
- Miracles are heaven's "*Amen!*" to the teaching/preaching of Christ (& apostles)
- **God's design is that the historical, credible, & plentiful testimony of God's own personal divine confirmation of the truth of Jesus' teaching (& his apostle's) serves to solidify & distinguish the Holy Scriptures as the unique Word of God in which man is to place the utmost faith.**
- **WHY DON'T MIRACLES OF HEALING CONTINUE TO THE SAME DEGREE TODAY?** God's abundant testimony stands to this day & for all time & does not need further confirmation. The holy God who never lies has spoken. (Tit. 1:2; Jude 1:3)

Jesus As the Greater Adam (Gen. 3:15; I Cor. 15:21-24)

- I considered calling this message: "Call a hearse for the _____"
- As the Greater Adam, Jesus is _____ the curse of sin.
- This is a foretaste of the eternal kingdom of God which our Savior will establish at his Second Coming. (Rev. 7:15-17, 21:4)

Proposition:

Place all confidence in the teaching of Holy Scripture, for it is the fully confirmed Word of the living God.

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