

Acts 28:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.

Analysis

He expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus (ἐξετίθετο... πείθων)—Paul's method: exposition (careful explanation), testimony (personal witness), and persuasion (reasoned argument). His sources—**both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets**—grounded Christ in Scripture, not novel teaching. The timeframe—**from morning till evening**—indicates exhaustive, systematic presentation. Paul demonstrated that all Old Testament pointed to Jesus as Messiah and King. The 'kingdom of God' theme connected Jesus to Israel's royal-messianic expectations while transforming understanding of that kingdom's nature.

Historical Context

This marathon teaching session followed synagogue practices of extensive scriptural discussion. Paul's approach—proving Jesus from Torah and Prophets—remained his consistent evangelistic method with Jewish audiences (Acts 17:2-3).

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does Paul's all-day teaching session challenge modern assumptions about attention spans and serious Bible study?
2. What does grounding the gospel 'in the law of Moses, and... the prophets' teach about Scripture's unity?

Interlinear Text

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| Ταξάμενοι | δὲ | αὐτοὺς | ἡμέραν | ἥκον | πρὸς | | | |
| when they had appointed | And | him | a day | there came | to | | | |
| G5021 | G1161 | G846 | G2250 | G2240 | G4314 | | | |
| αὐτοὺς | εἰς | τὴν | ξενίαν | πλείονες | οἵς | ἐξετίθετο | | |
| him | into | G3588 | his lodging | many | to whom | he expounded | | |
| G846 | G1519 | | G3578 | G4119 | G3739 | G1620 | | |
| διαμαρτυρόμενος | τὴν | βασιλείαν | τοῦ | θεοῦ | πείθων | τε | | |
| and testified | G3588 | the kingdom | G3588 | of God | persuading | both | | |
| G1263 | | G932 | | G2316 | G3982 | G5037 | | |
| αὐτοὺς | τὰ | περὶ | τοῦ | Ἰησοῦ | ἀπὸ | τε | τοῦ | νόμου |
| him | G3588 | concerning | G3588 | Jesus | from | both | G3588 | the law |
| G846 | | G4012 | | G2424 | G575 | G5037 | | G3551 |
| Μωσέως | καὶ | τῶν | προφητῶν | ἀπὸ | πρωῒ | ἕως | ἐσπέρας | |
| of Moses | and | G3588 | out of the prophets | from | morning | till | evening | |
| G3475 | G2532 | | G4396 | G575 | G4404 | G2193 | G2073 | |

Additional Cross-References

Acts 19:8 (Kingdom): And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

Acts 18:28 (Word): For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publickly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.

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