

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 (ἐξέτιθετο... 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

Ταξάμενοι	δὲ	αὐτοὺς	ἡμέραν	ἦκον	πρὸς			
when they had appointed	And	him	a day	there came	to			
G5021	G1161	G846	G2250	G2240	G4314			
αὐτοὺς	εἰς	τὴν	ξενίαν	πλείονες	οἷς	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	πρωῖ	ἕως	ἑσπέρας	
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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