

Matthew 4:23

Authorized King James Version (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.

Analysis

This verse summarizes Jesus' three-fold ministry: teaching in synagogues (instruction), preaching the gospel of the kingdom (proclamation), and healing all manner of disease (demonstration). 'All Galilee' shows the comprehensive scope of His early ministry. The combination of word and deed authenticated His message—the kingdom was breaking in through both truth and power.

Historical Context

Synagogues were local gathering places for Scripture reading and teaching. Jesus' regular synagogue teaching shows He worked within Judaism's structures while transforming them. The healings demonstrated the kingdom's power over the curse of sin (disease, demons, death).

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus' model of teaching, preaching, and healing shape your understanding of ministry?
2. Which aspect of Jesus' three-fold ministry do you most need to experience?

Interlinear Text

καὶ περιῆγεν ὅλην τὴν Γαλιλαίαν ὁ Ἰησοῦς, διδάσκων
And went about all G3588 Galilee G3588 Jesus teaching
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ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς αὐτῶν καὶ κηρύσσων τὸ
among G3588 synagogues their And preaching G3588
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the gospel of the kingdom And healing all
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manner of sickness And all manner of disease among G3588 the people
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Additional Cross-References

Matthew 9:35 (Kingdom): And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Mark 1:39 (Parallel theme): And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils.

Luke 7:22 (References Jesus): Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached.

Acts 10:38 (References Jesus): How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Matthew 11:5 (Parallel theme): The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

Psalms 103:3 (Parallel theme): Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Matthew 13:54 (Parallel theme): And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works?

Mark 1:21 (Parallel theme): And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught.

Luke 8:1 (Kingdom): And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him,

Mark 6:2 (Parallel theme): And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?