

Matthew 9:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

Matthew summarizes Jesus' comprehensive ministry: 'teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people' (διδασκων εν ταις συναγωγαις αυτων και κηρυσσων το ευαγγελιον της βασιλειας και θεραπευων πασαν νοσον και πασαν μαλακιαν). Three components: teaching (διδασκων, systematic instruction), preaching (κηρυσσων, proclamation/heralding), and healing (θεραπευων, medical care). Jesus addresses both spiritual and physical needs. 'Gospel of the kingdom' identifies the message: God's reign breaking into history through Jesus. 'Every sickness and every disease' emphasizes comprehensive healing—no condition beyond Jesus' power. This holistic ministry models mission: proclamation plus demonstration, word plus deed, spiritual truth plus practical compassion.

Historical Context

Jewish synagogues were community centers for worship, teaching, and legal administration. Jesus used existing religious structures to reach Israel. His teaching authority amazed listeners (7:28-29) because He spoke with inherent authority rather than citing rabbis. Healing every disease demonstrated messianic credentials (Isaiah 35:5-6, 61:1-2). First-century Palestine had no public healthcare; the sick depended on family or begging. Jesus' healing ministry

addressed desperate physical needs while authenticating His spiritual message. Early church continued this pattern of word and deed ministry.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus' combination of teaching, preaching, and healing model holistic mission?
2. What is the relationship between proclaiming the gospel and demonstrating its power through compassionate action?
3. How can contemporary churches balance word-focused and deed-focused ministry?

Interlinear Text

καὶ περιῆγεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὰς πόλεις πᾶσαν καὶ τὰς
And went about G3588 Jesus G3588 the cities all And G3588
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κώμας διδάσκων ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς αὐτῶν καὶ
villages teaching among G3588 synagogues their And
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κηρύσσων τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῆς βασιλείας καὶ θεραπεύων
preaching G3588 the gospel G3588 of the kingdom And healing
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πᾶσαν νόσον καὶ πᾶσαν μαλακίαν ἐν τῷ λαῷ
all sickness And all disease among G3588 the people
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Additional Cross-References

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.

Mark 6:56 (Parallel theme): And whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole.

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.

Acts 2:22 (References Jesus): Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

Luke 13:22 (Parallel theme): And he went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem.

Mark 6:6 (Parallel theme): And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.

Matthew 11:1 (References Jesus): And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities.
