

Gospel Preaching: Any believer can preach the gospel

John 4:4 And He (Jesus) had to pass through Samaria.

John 4:7 A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.”

John 4:18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.”

John 4:25 The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.”

John 4:26 Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

John 4:28 So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people,

John 4:29 “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?”

John 4:39 Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.”

John 4: 4,5 The Lord preached the gospel to this Samaritan woman because of the burden. **John 4:18** points out that she is a lowly person (representing me and you). **John 4:25** shows that she knows a little about the Lord's deeds. **John 4:28** She was a sister who was just saved and went to preach the gospel. **John 4:29** shows that the gospel she preached was half-belief. But **John 4:39** made it clear that because of her preaching, many Samaritans in that city believed in Jesus. So any saint (me and you) can preach the gospel.

Preaching gospel in truthfulness

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth (John 4:24). This is a verse that many of us are familiar with and quote often. But it is hard to understand and we often look at the whole Bible to try to understand what Jesus is saying. Actually, within chapter 4 itself, we have an example or model of someone who practices what Jesus says. The Samaritan woman's testimony to the people in her city was seemingly weak and even uncertain. In verse 29 she urges the people to see a man who told her everything she had ever done. She believed because of a miracle. Did she really know Christ? She knew that a man had read her past like a book. But then she says "Is not this the Christ?" On the one hand, she believes; on the other hand, she doubts. There was no pretense with her. This is an example of worshiping the Lord in truthfulness. Wherever we may be at, whatever revelation we may have, even a little bit, we can testify, however weak our testimony may be. We can be true to whatever Christ we may have.

Any believer can preach the gospel: In John, chapter 1, John the Baptist preached the gospel, and many were brought to Jesus through him. In chapter 2, Mary told the servants to listen to Jesus and do whatever He said. In chapter 3, Jesus Himself preached the gospel to Nicodemus. In one sense, we may not be like John the Baptist, nor the mother of Jesus, let alone Jesus, and we can excuse ourselves by saying that we could never do what they did. But in chapter 4, Jesus found a low, sinful woman who believed in Him and testified. Jesus found us. Who are we? We are just like the woman, sinful, unsatisfied, and thirsty. But God chose us and predestinated us. Because of His salvation, of which He is the source, we can preach the gospel, whatever amount of Christ we may have. We have no excuse. The example of the Samaritan woman levels the ground, so to speak, for all believers to testify the Christ, both small and big (in their experience), that they have received.

Gospel preaching is food for Jesus (John 4: 32).

John 4:32 But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”

It seems that in Jesus's view, the real food that He enjoyed was not His own preaching but the preaching of the woman. Every time someone like us can testify Christ, the Lord is fed. It is remarkable that this is the only case in the gospels where Jesus speaks of food that satisfies Him. Jesus did so many miracles, healed so many people, and spoke the word to crowds, as well as to His disciples. Yet it is only when a lowly, despised and sinful Samaritan woman simply relates how a man was able to expose her past that Jesus refuses to eat physical food, declaring that He was already satisfied by food that His disciples did not know about.

Preaching gospel using God's words

In the New Testament, the word and the spirit go together. Jesus says that the words that He speaks are spirit and life (John 6:63). An example of worship in spirit is the Samaritan people to whom the woman testified. When they heard her, they came to Jesus (John 4:40). Then they entreated Him to stay or abide with them, to spend time with them. Then in v. 41, many more believed because of His word, not the word of the woman. Finally, in v. 42, they declare that they believe because they have heard for themselves, not because of her testimony. The true worship of God is through the word which, when heard, becomes spirit to us for us to experience.

Open to gospel preaching is a growing process : Therefore, we need to grow, from believing in Jesus because of the testimony of a brother or sister. We definitely need the speaking of the brothers and sisters. We should not stop there, however. We need to ask the Lord to abide with us, and we need to abide with Him. The growing process is related to dwelling and abiding with Him. Anytime the Lord speaks to us through the brothers and sisters, we need to personally go to the Lord and to the word to have a transaction with Him, to confirm and strengthen the word that we have heard. In that way, we may have the personal speaking of the Lord Himself, and not just a testimony from someone else. Thus we may be saved from merely quoting what someone else told us, to growing to the point where we can say, "The Bible says..."

John 4:35 Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, **lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.**

Many people are ready to preach the gospel: John 4:35 tells us that the fields are white to harvest. This verse is very interesting. We usually take it to mean that people are ready to receive the gospel and believe. But in the context, it can also mean that many people are ready to preach the gospel, beginning with the newly saved believer. We do not need to wait. Do not wait to be equipped with the word or to attend a training, or to read the Bible once through first and become a disciple. No, we are ready right away to testify the Christ that we have seen and experienced.

We need to lift up our eyes (John 4:35). We need to lift up our eyes to the heavenly realm, and not look at the earthly realm. If we keep our eyes on the ground, all we will see will be our shortcomings, our inadequacies and our failures, and we will find one excuse after another not to preach the gospel. We need to look at people in our city, in our campuses etc. as being ready to be spoken to, and at ourselves as being ready and chosen (the Lord has already chosen us) to speak.

John 4:37 For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.'

We preach the gospel not because we expect immediate results but to sow the seed.

Our gospel preaching is a sowing process. We should not base our preaching on the obtaining of results. Yes, we want people to get saved. But we must realize that another will reap. This realization will save us from preaching out of duty, to preaching out of joy. We are thereby delivered from a lot of pressure (e.g. the pressure of producing results). All our sowing is actually food to satisfy the Lord. This will lead us to be humble. If someone gets saved through us, someone else sowed or labored. We merely reaped without laboring (in a sense). If we sow (or labor) and nothing happens, but later someone reaps (the person we preached to gets saved), we rejoice (no pressure and no envy). God is the source of everything, and He is satisfied. Therefore, we need to labor to sow the seed.

Gospel preaching needs our prayers: John 4:47 shows that the royal official really cared for his son. He came to Jesus with a desperate request (prayer). He was alert and sober. He knew that Jesus had come, and no doubt he had heard what Jesus had done. He paid attention to Jesus. Whereas the Samaritan woman testified to her neighbors and people in her village, the royal official came to the Lord concerning a member of his own family. We also must be alert and sober to come to the Lord, to have many prayers for our own relatives. Is our heart alert? Do we treasure all the opportunities to hear the word of the Lord and to respond to Him through our prayers?

Our faith is limited: In one sense, the royal official's faith was limited. He wanted Jesus to personally come to his home (John 4:47). He did not ask Jesus to speak the word, as, for example, the centurion did in Matthew 8:8. This shows that however little of Christ we have, however small our faith is, we can still pray to the Lord. The official's heart was pure. The Lord knew him, and purposely went to Galilee to meet his need, just as He went to Samaria to meet the Samaritan woman's need. Even though the royal official's faith was little, the Lord answered his prayer.

John 4:47 When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death.

The Lord treasures household salvation: The royal official believed along with his whole family. The Lord treasures our prayers for our household salvation. The salvation of the official's family was a real honoring of the Lord. This is in contrast with John 4:44 where Jesus says that a prophet has no honor in his own country. In an environment where people in His hometown did not honor Him, Jesus finds a family that proves Him wrong (in a sense)! Capernaum is about 40 kilometers from Nazareth (the city where Jesus grew up), and Cana (where Jesus performed the first sign of changing water into wine) is about 10 kilometers away, so we may say that Jesus was not actually exercising His ministry in His hometown, but He was pretty close by.

Preach the gospel according to burden and not because people will receive: In one sense, Jesus went against His own word referred to in John 4:44. Why should He go back to Galilee when His own people did not really receive Him? This shows that He did not preach the gospel according to who would receive Him or not. He went according to burden and according to the Father's sending. He went to Samaria for the Samaritan woman, and He went to Capernaum for the sake of the royal official. Do we preach the gospel because people will receive us, and if they do not, we lose heart and do not preach any more? We go because the Lord sends us, because we are close to the Lord and we know His heart for people.

John 4:44 (For Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in his own hometown.)

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Matt 28:18 And Jesus came and said to them, "**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.**

Matt 28:19 Go therefore and **make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,**

Matt 28:20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, **I am with you always,** to the end of the age."

Matt 28:18shows: **Preaching gospel is with the authority of the Lord.**

Matt 28:19shows: **What we need is just to preach, to save people so that they can be baptized into the kingdom of God, and be Lord's disciples following the Lord.**

Matt 28:20shows: **Lord is always with us.**

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Matt 4:18 While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw **two brothers**, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, **casting a net** into the sea, for they were fishermen.

Matt 4:19 And he said to them, "**Follow me**, and I will make you **fishers of men.**"

Preaching gospel is like to cast a net together with those companions (in a small team within the church service team who often pray and fellowship together) who follow the Lord. Then Lord will make us to gain men as the fish in the net without being lost (people who got saved will stay in the church life).

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Matt 5:14 "You are **the light of the world**. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Matt 5:15 Nor do people **light a lamp** and put it under a basket, but **on a stand**, and it **gives light to all in the house**.

Matt 5:16 In the same way, **let your light shine before others**, so that they may **see your good works** and **give glory to your Father who is in heaven**.

Saints (us) are the light of the world, together live as a corporate testimony for the Lord (city), are heavenly (on a hill). We are like light which gives light in the church (lampstand) life like a family. Our living like this shining before others is to let others give glory to God.

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Matt 13:3 And he told them many things in parables, saying:

A sower went out to sow.

John 4:37 For here the saying holds true, '**One sows and another reaps.**'

Preaching gospel is like that God through us goes out to sow the seed, and seed is also Himself. “One sows and another reaps” means that God through many people to sow to one particular person, also through many people to reap one particular person. It is not our individual work rather His purpose and operation to perfect each person in the body of Christ (churches) .

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Matt 25:14 "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called **his servants** and entrusted to them **his property**.

Matt 25:15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, **to each according to his ability**. Then he went away.

Matt 25:16He went at once and traded with them.....

After being saved each one of us becomes a Lord's servant out of many. Lord entrusts His property which is His church (saints) to us. According to our natural ability (constituted of God's creation and our learning) He gives us different spiritual gifts (talents) (Roms.12"6, 1st Cor.12:4, 1st Peter4:10) to operate in the church life (traded with them).

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Matt 3:8 Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.

Matt 3:10 Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not **bear good fruit** is cut down and thrown into the fire.

John 15:2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may **bear more fruit**.

John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. **Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit**, for apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and **bear fruit and that your fruit should abide**, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

Lord hopes that our preaching gospel (His chosen and appointment) will bear good fruit and much fruit. Good fruit means Lord 's life and nature. Bearing fruit means from nothing into a little, from a little into much more. But when Lord's life and nature in us and in those whom we serve has some increase, He will continue to perfect (prune) us. Those who abide in the Lord will bear much fruit . Lord also hopes us to ask Him so that the saints can abide in the church life (your fruit abide) .

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Gal. 4:19 my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until **Christ is formed in you!**

John 16:21 When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, **for joy that a human being has been born into the world.**

1st Cor. 4:15 For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For **I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel.**

Preaching gospel is like to give birth a child. It is a long term, hard labor and with anguish. But the result is joyful because Christ is increased and formed in man. In the church life, Lord hopes that we preach gospel to people more like a parent (with life relation) less like a teacher.

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1st Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Rom. 15:16 to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

We preach gospel because we are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, a minister of Christ Jesus, and proclaim the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light, so that the offering of the gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

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Eph. 6:12 For we do not **wrestle against** flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, **against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.**

Matt 12:29 Or how can **someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man?** Then indeed he may plunder his house.

Phil. 2:15 that **you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,**

Preaching gospel is a spiritual warfare, like in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, Satan's (strong man) house, to plunder his goods (us), so that we may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish and shine as lights in the world,

Right after we are saved can preach gospel

John 1:45-49 ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” **Philip said to him, “Come and see.”** ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” ⁴⁹ **Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”**

John 4:28,29,39 ²⁸ So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹ **“Come, see** a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” ³⁰ They went out of the town and were coming to him. ³⁹ **Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony,** “He told me all that I ever did.”

Bring people to the church life to preach.

Preach gospel using Lord's words

John 4:40,41 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ **And many more believed because of his word.**

Preach gospel using Lord's name

Rom. 10:13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

First confess with your mouth, then believe in your heart.

Rom. 10:9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

First believe in your heart, then confess by your mouth.

Rom. 10:10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Preaching gospel is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, especially us

Rom.1:16 or I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

1st Cor.3 :7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

We need to preach gospel, but it must be God in us Who does His work.

We are a debtor in gospel preaching

Rom.1:14 I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.

Rom.1:15 So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

Preaching gospel pleases God and not man

1st Thess.2:4 but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts.

Preaching gospel rescues us from every evil deed and brings us safely into his heavenly kingdom

2nd Tim.4:17 But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me **the message might be fully proclaimed** and all the Gentiles might hear it. So **I was rescued** from the lion's mouth.

2nd Tim.4:18 **The Lord will rescue me** from every evil deed and **bring me safely** into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Preaching gospel pleases servants of the Lord

Phil.1:3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,

Phil.1:4 always in every prayer of mine for you all **making my prayer with joy,**

Phil.1:5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

Preaching gospel makes servants of the Lord who serve us joyful in their prayers.

Be prepared to answer questions

With good equipment of truth and human living

1st Peter 3:15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always **being prepared to make a defense to anyone** who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

Preach gospel to the crowds

Matt. 5:1 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

Matt. 5:2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

Preach gospel to people in needs

John 4:7 A woman from **Samaria** came to draw water.

Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."**(at noon)**

John 3:1 Now there was a **man** of the Pharisees named **Nicodemus**, a ruler of the Jews.

John 3:2 This man came to **Jesus** **by night** and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."

Matt. 9:9 As Jesus passed on from there, **he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth**, and **he said to him**, "**Follow me.**" And he rose and followed him.

Lord treasures household salvation

Gen. 7:1 Then the LORD said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation.

Exo. 12:3 Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household.

Josh. 6:25a But Rahab the prostitute and her father's household and all who belonged to her, Joshua saved alive.

John 4:53 he father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” And he himself believed, and all his household.

Luke 19:9 And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ”

Acts 11:14 he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’

Acts 16:15a And after she was baptized, and her household as well, ...

Acts 16:31 And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

Acts 16:34 hen he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

Acts 18:8a Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household.

Although it seems that it is not easy to preach the gospel to our relatives

(John 4:44 For Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in his own hometown.). But the Lord treasures much household salvation.

Open our homes to receive Jesus, servants of the Lord , family members and friends

Luke 19:5,6 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for **I must stay at your house today.**" So he hurried and came down and **received him joyfully.**

Matt.8:14,15 And when **Jesus entered Peter's house**, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and **she rose and began to serve him.**

Mark 2:15 And as **he reclined at table in his (Matthew's) house**, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him.

Mark 14:3 And while **he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper**, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head.

Abraham was the first great gospel preacher in the Old Testament (Genesis 14:13-14;12:5;12:16)

Who were the 318 trained men in Genesis 14:14 that Abraham led forth to fight the four kings? Where did they come from? What was their background? These are good questions to ask when reading the Bible. Genesis 12:5 is the first verse that may reveal the identity of these individuals, telling us that when Abraham left Haran, he took his wife Sarah, Lot and the people that he had acquired in Haran. These people were Gentiles. In verse 16, we read further that when he left Egypt, Pharaoh gave him male and female servants on account of Sarah. These also were Gentiles. Eventually, these people may have become the numerous herdsmen that both Abraham and Lot possessed in Genesis 13:7. Eventually, these "Gentiles" became trained men in Abraham's service team to fight the enemy. How did this occur? How did these men get trained? Abraham preached the gospel to them and raised them up. However, for that to happen, Abraham had to grow in his knowledge and understanding of God. Thus, he built an altar to God at Shechem in response to the Lord's appearing to him (12:7). He then pitched his tent between Bethel and Ai and built a second altar. Eventually, he built two more altars, signs indicating that he grew. Eventually, we learn in 14:14 that he had 318 trained men. However, these men were not trained overnight, and not through Abraham's natural ability, but rather through a process of growth that may have taken several years. It is the same with us. Do we need to preach the gospel? Absolutely. How? Through building altars to the Lord. For example, do we come to the Lord's day gathering to offer ourselves to the Lord, to praise and thank Him? Do we come early to offer our praises? We should not wait to offer praises. We need to boldly build an altar to offer ourselves to the Lord. However, this is not only an individual offering, but an offering with brothers and sisters, with our spiritual companions, with our "service team." Abraham may be described as being "people oriented," and not "meeting oriented." This is what makes him such a great gospel preacher. For many years, many readers of the Bible may have had the impression that God called an individual named Abraham, a tremendous man of faith. However, as we read Genesis 12-14, we realize something much more. God raised up Abraham to establish the church life and build up the church. In the same way, God did not just call us as individuals, but He has called us to preach the gospel to our classmates, to our friends and colleagues, our relatives, to go out to contact people we do not know, to raise up pillars or a service team that together can bear God's testimony. We are surrounded with Gentiles, wherever we are, whether at school, at work or with our friends, just as Abraham was surrounded by Gentiles (12:6;13:7). He seized these opportunities to preach the gospel. Do we grab such opportunities? For example, in 14:13, a man escaped from captivity to report to Abraham that Lot and all his possessions had been carried off. Who was this person? The Bible does not reveal his identity, but in reading more carefully, and in putting several verses together, we may reason that this man could have been one of Lot's herdsmen, very much attached to him, but also very close to Abraham since he had undoubtedly been with Abraham when the latter was still with Lot. This is proven by the fact that this "unknown soldier" went directly to Abraham, traveling at least 50 km., and knew where to find him. Another example are the three Amorite brothers: Mamre, Eshcol and Aner, who were allies or confederates of Abraham, based on a covenant that Abraham had made with them. In a sense, to preach the gospel is to make a covenant with unbelievers. The Amorites were one of the tribes that inhabited the land of Canaan and that God would later tell the children of Israel to chase out from Canaan after entering the good land. All these tribes coexisted with Abraham, yet Abraham was seemingly unafraid, preaching the gospel to them, and raising up a service team from among those very people. A very good way to overcome our fear of Satan and his tactics is to preach the gospel to people around us who are in Satan's kingdom. The people around us may actually be our strength and even our blessing.

Some examples of gospel preaching of Lord Jesus

Luke 8:1 Soon afterward **He went on through cities and villages**, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him,

Matt. 4:23 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.

Mark 1:38 And **He said to them**, “**Let us go on to the next towns**, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.”

Matt. 10:7 And **proclaim as you go**, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’

Mark 3:20 Then He went home, and the crowd gathered again, **so that they could not even eat.**

Matt. 8:16 That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, **and He cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick.**

Acts 10:36 As for the word that He sent to Israel, **preaching good news of peace** through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all),

Mark 4:23 **If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.**”

Mark 2:2 And **many were gathered together**, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them.

Luke 12:1a In the meantime, when **so many thousands of the people had gathered together** that they were trampling one another, **He began to say.....**