

Jesus' Preaching & Purpose

Luke 4:38–44

³⁸ Now He arose from the synagogue and entered Simon's house. But Simon's wife's mother was sick with a high fever, and they made request of Him concerning her. ³⁹ So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them.

⁴⁰ When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹ And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of God!"

And He, rebuking *them*, did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ.

⁴² Now when it was day, He departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowd sought Him and came to Him, and tried to keep Him from leaving them; ⁴³ but He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent."

⁴⁴ And He was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.

Main Point: Jesus came to preach the kingdom of God; his followers should do the same.

Why should we be preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of God?

I. Because Jesus' Authority Commands Us

A. Demonstrated by His Power

1. Over Physical Maladies
2. Over Supernatural Enemies

B. Confirmed by His Identity

1. Demons proclaim the obvious
2. People observe the obvious
3. People ignore the obvious

II. Because Jesus' Purpose Constrains Us

A. Preaching the Gospel

B. Preaching to all People

III. Because Jesus' Message Consumes Us