

Intro:

Main Point of Text: Jesus brought His life-changing light into the churches, which shone it in their worlds, and drew others in.

Sermon Point: *Hearing Christ is Healing.*

Move 1: Jesus will mainly be heard in His Church.

Church life. Vs. 23: Jesus went all around Galilee to teach in the Synagogues. Was His custom: Luke 4:16. Mt. 13:54. “Preaching”: Proclaiming. Illustrating and applying teaching. Churches need preachers: Rom. 10:13-15) WSC 89: especially preaching of Word. Jesus preaches to His church through his preachers. Heb. 2:12 quotes Psalm 22:22, 25 of Christ now. Same with Heb. 10:5-9 of Ps. 40:6-10. And Ephesians 4:7-12 of Ps. 68:18.

Move 2: The Church is to get a hearing for Jesus Christ.

Relational evangelism. The Good News became big news. Vs. 24: “fame” went out, “hearing/report of news” into all areas. Kept happening: Mt. 9:31. Everybody was talking about Jesus and what He was doing in their lives at church. Result, others “brought unto Him” others to Church for Jesus. Practice Andrew/Nathaniel evangelism (John 1): “Come and see.” Healing gets a hearing. Trust that great crowds from everywhere can follow him again (vs. 25). May Rom. 1:8 be said of you. May you have this testimony: Ps. 89:1; Ps. 66:16; Ps. 122:1-2; Ps. 34:2, 7-8 .

Move 3: Those who hear Jesus in His Church will become healthy and happy.

Discipleship. Jesus is the messenger and message. He is the King so His message is His Kingdom. Vs. 23: “Gospel of the Kingdom”, or Kingdom of Heaven/God (Mt. 19:23-24). Supernatural origin, work, destination. Vs. 24: devil possession the issue. Acts 10:38 (see also Mat. 8:16; 9:32; 12:22; 15:22; 19:2). Matthew 11:1-6 using Isa. 29:18, 35:5-6, 61:1-2. Jesus is the Messiah has begun to redeem the world back from Satan (thus vss. 1-11). Rev. 20:1-2! J. Stivason, “fishers of men” (vs. 19) related to reversing Babylonian captivity Jer. 16:16-18. Jesus’ Gospel of the Kingdom rescues you from Satan’s realm. He took care of the deep problem causing all your symptoms: sin and death. Ultimate *Healing*: vss. 23, 24 (again in 9:35). Matt. 9:5-6. From all “kinds” of symptoms (vs. 23): so all kinds of sins. Ps. 103:2-4.

Conclusion:

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