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LUKE: THE SON OF MAN, THE SAVIOR HAS  
COME, WEEK 26

TITLE: THE HEALING POWER OF JESUS

TEXT: LUKE 4:38-44

INTRODUCTION: (1) THERE IS A VAST DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE WAY JESUS HEALED PEOPLE, WHERE JESUS HEALED PEOPLE AND THE RESULTS OF THOSE HEALINGS IN COMPARISON TO SUPPOSED FAITH HEALERS TODAY.

\* FAITH HEALERS TODAY RARELY EVER COME OUT OF THEIR AUDITORIUMS, THEIR CHURCH BUILDINGS OR THEIR T.V. STUDIOS.

\*\* THEY ALWAYS SEEM TO EXERCISE THEIR SUPPOSED GIFT IN A CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT, STAGED THEIR WAY, RUN ACCORDING TO THEIR SCHEDULE.

\*\*\* SOME OF THEM EVEN HAVING AN INTERVIEW PROCESS FOR POTENTIAL PEOPLE TO BE HEALED BEFORE THEIR MEETINGS.

\*\*\*\* BEYOND THAT, WHY DO WE NOT HEAR OF THE GIFT OF HEALING BEING USED IN HOSPITAL HALLWAYS?

**(2) WHY AREN'T MORE HEALERS USING THEIR GIFT ON THE STREETS OF INDIA AND BANGLADESH, FOR JESUS WAS OUT AMONG THE PEOPLE.**

\* **WHY AREN'T** HEALERS IN AIDS HOSPICES AND OTHER HOSPICE FACILITIES WHERE MASSES OF PEOPLE ARE RACKED BY DISEASE.

\*\* **WHY AREN'T** FAITH HEALERS RAISING THE DEAD AS JESUS DID ON OCCASION?

\*\*\* **WHY AREN'T TERMINAL DISEASES BEING HEALED AT THOSE CAMPAIGNS THAT CAN BE VERIFIED? WHY AREN'T QUADRIPLIGICS BEING HEALED?**

\*\*\*\* WHY IS IT NORMALLY THAT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE HEALED HAVE IMPROVED VISION OR **HEARING THAT CAN'T BE MEASURED?**

(3) WHY IS IT THAT THEIR ARTHRITIS IS HEALED, OR THEIR BACKACHE IS TAKEN CARE OF? WHERE IS THE IRREFUTABLE PROOF, NOT THEIR IMAGINED PROOF?

**\* NOW I'M NOT SAYING THAT GOD DOESN'T** HEAL TODAY, OR THAT HE WOULD NOT SOVEREIGNLY HEAL SOMEONE AT A MEETING IN SPIITE OF THE HEALER AS THE RESULT OF PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS.

**\*\* BUT WHAT I AM SAYING FOR SURE IS, WHAT IS GOING ON IN HEALING MEETINGS TODAY IS NOT WHAT WENT ON IN JESUS' DAY AND IN THE APOSTLE ERA.**

\*\*\* AND LET ME SAY THAT SCRIPTURE TEACHES THAT ALTHOUGH GOD IS CONCERNED ABOUT OUR BODIES AND THE PHYSICAL, HE IS INFINITELY MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE **SOUL, FOR IT'S ETERNAL, QUOTE MATTHEW 10:28 AND MATTHEW 16:26.**

\*\*\*\* NOW WITH ALL OF THAT SAID, WE MUST REALIZE THAT EVEN IF CHRISTIANS COULD HEAL EVERYONE AT WILL THE WAY JESUS DID, THE MASSES STILL WOULD NOT BELIEVE THE GOSPEL.

**(4) I MEAN AFTER ALL OF JESUS' MARVELOUS HEALINGS, WHAT DID PEOPLE DO?**

\* THEY CRUCIFIED HIM. AND THE APOSTLES FARED NO BETTER. THEY PERFORMED MIRACLES AND THEY WERE JAILED, BEATEN, PERSECUTED AND EVEN KILLED, MARTYRED.

\* BELOVED, SALVATION FROM SIN DOES NOT COME THROUGH EXPERIENCING OR SEEING PHYSICAL HEALING. SALVATION COMES THROUGH HEARING AND BELIEVING THE GOSPEL.

\*\* AND THE WORDS AND WORKS OF JESUS VERIFIED HIS CREDENTIALS THAT HE TRULY WAS THE MESSIAH, THE ONLY SAVIOR.

\*\*\* AND JESUS HEALED IN INDIVIDUAL SITUATIONS AND IN MASS BECAUSE HE HAD COMPASSION AND LOVE FOR THOSE HURTING.

\*\*\*\* BUT BEYOND THAT, JESUS WAS GIVING EVIDENCE OF HIS MESSIAHSHIP AND HIS POWER AS GOD, THAT HE TRULY WAS WHO HE SAID HE WAS.

(5) SO HIS WORDS AND WORKS AUTHENTICATED HIS CLAIMS IN WHO HE WAS.

\* HIS WORKS WERE CREDENTIALS THAT COMMUNICATED AND AUTHENTICATED THAT HE WAS THE MESSIAH.

\*\* AND THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF ALL 4 GOSPEL WRITERS INCLUDING LUKE WAS TO PRESENT JESUS AS BEING MORE THAN A MAN.

\*\*\* HE WAS THE VERY SON OF GOD, THE MESSIAH.

\*\*\*\* THEREFORE SIGNS AND MIRACLES AND HEALINGS ALL POINTED TO WHO HE WAS.

(6) AS JOHN SAID IN JOHN 20:30&31 -

V. 30 - THEREFORE MANY OTHER SIGNS JESUS ALSO PERFORMED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE DISCIPLES, WHICH ARE NOT WRITTEN IN THIS BOOK;

V. 31 - BUT THESE HAVE BEEN WRITTEN SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD; AND THAT BELIEVING YOU MAY HAVE LIFE IN HIS NAME.

\* NOW WE WILL SEE MORE SIGNS TODAY IN OUR STUDY OF LUKE 4:38-44 SPECIFICALLY HEALING A LOT OF PEOPLE AND CASTING OUT DEMONS.

\*\* AND THE WAY JESUS HEALED PEOPLE HERE IS VASTLY DIFFERENT THAN THE QUOTE HEALING WE SEE TODAY.

\*\*\* HENCE, **I'VE TITLED OUR SERMON FOR** TODAY, THE HEALING POWER OF JESUS.

\*\*\*\* AND 3 POINTS WILL DIRECT US IN OUR **STUDY OF GOD'S WORD TODAY.**

**(7) NO. 1 THE SYMPTOM OF PETER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW'S ILLNESS, VV. 38&39; NO. 2 THE SICK** WITH VARIOUS DISEASES THAT JESUS WILL HEAL, VV. 40&41; AND NO. 3 THE SEARCH FOR JESUS AFTER HE GETS AWAY FOR A QUIET TIME AFTER HE HEALS ALL THESE PEOPLE, VV. 42-44.

\* AND WITH THOSE MARKERS TO DIRECT US, **WE'LL BEGIN TODAY IN V. 38 WHERE WE'LL** START TO SEE OUR FIRST POINT, THE SYMPTOMS. LOOK AT V. 38 PLEASE.

I. THE SYMPTOM, (READ V. 38)

**A. NOW 3 GOSPELS ADDRESS PETER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW BEING HEALED, MATTHEW, MARK AND OF COURSE LUKE.**

\* AND AS YOU HARMONIZE THE THREE ACCOUNTS, YOU FIND OUT FROM MARK 1:29-31, THAT IMMEDIATELY AFTER JESUS LEAVES THE SYNAGOGUE IN CAPERNAUM THEY COME TO THE HOUSE OF SIMON PETER, WHICH IS ALSO **CALLED ANDREW'S HOME, PETER'S BROTHER**, IN MARK 1:29.

\*\* AND ACCOMPANYING PETER AND ANDREW ARE ALSO JAMES AND JOHN, THE EVENTUAL INNER CIRCLE OF JESUS.



\*\*\* AND THEN LUKE, THE PHYSICIAN, THE DOCTOR, IN V. 38 OF OUR TEXT COMMUNICATES **THAT THE PROBLEM AT PETER AND ANDREW'S HOME WAS PETER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW**, THAT SHE NOT ONLY HAD A FEVER, BUT IT WAS A HIGH FEVER, THE DOCTOR DIAGNOSIS OR PROGNOSIS, **AND IN MARK'S ACCOUNT AND HERE IN LUKE IT SAYS "THEY" SPOKE TO JESUS ABOUT HER, THEY** MEANING PETER AND ANDREW.

\*\*\*\* NOW A COUPLE OF QUICK THINGS HERE IN V. 38.

**1. NO. 1 PETER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW SYMPTOMS** MOST LIKELY COMMUNICATED SHE HAD MALARIA. FOR IN THE REGIONS WHERE THE JORDAN RIVER ENTERED AND EXITED THE SEA OF GALILEE THERE WAS MARSHY GROUND, WHERE MALARIAL MOSQUITOES BRED AND FLOURISHED, AND CAPERNAUM AND TIBERUS WERE AREAS LIKE THAT WHERE MALARIA WAS PRESENT.

\* **SO MOST LIKELY PETER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW** IS DEATHLY SICK, SHE IS IN BED IN MATTHEW 8:14, AND IN THAT DAY YOU HAD TO BE SERIOUSLY SICK TO BE IN BED, LIFE WAS HARD, AND WITHOUT OUR MODERN CONVENIENCES IT TOOK A LOT JUST TO LIVE.

\*\* NO. 2 PETER HAD A MOTHER-IN-LAW WHICH MEANS WHAT? PETER WAS MARRIED. AND MOST LIKELY SHE WAS STILL ALIVE.

\*\*\* FOR 1 CORINTHIANS 9:5 SAYS WHEN PAUL **WAS MINISTERING AFTER JESUS' DEATH,** RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION, PAUL SAID: **"DO WE NOT HAVE A RIGHT TO TAKE ALONG A BELIEVING WIFE, EVEN AS THE REST OF THE APOSTLES AND THE BROTHERS OF THE LORD AND CEPHAS?"**

\*\*\*\* NOW THAT PETER HAD A WIFE, THAT WAS ALIVE WHEN PAUL WAS AROUND IS VERY INTERESTING.

2. FOR PETER IS CLAIMED BY ROMAN CATHOLICS TO BE THE HUMAN HEAD OF THE CHURCH, OF WHOM THE POPE IS IMAGINED TO BE THE SUCCESSOR. PETER IS A MODEL FOR ROMAN CATHOLICS, AN EXAMPLE, THE FIRST VICAR OF CHRIST.

\* HOWEVER, ROMAN CATHOLIC DOCTRINE INSISTS ON CELIBACY FOR PRIESTS, BISHOPS, CARDINALS AND POPES, A DOCTRINE THAT IS NOT TAUGHT IN THE WORD OF GOD, FOR IN I TIMOTHY 3:2 AND REPEATED IN TITUS 1:6, A BISHOP, A PASTOR, MUST BE THE HUSBAND OF ONE WIFE.

\*\* WHICH IS NOT A PHYSICAL QUALIFICATION BUT A SPIRITUAL ONE, THAT IF HE IS MARRIED AS PETER WAS, HE MUST BE A ONE WOMAN MAN, COMMITTED IN PURITY TO HIS WIFE.

\*\*\* BEYOND THAT SCRIPTURE COMMUNICATES IN HEBREWS 13:4 THAT MARRIAGE IS HONORABLE IN ALL (QUOTE IT).

\*\*\*\* AND YOU MIGHT BE THINKING ABOUT I CORINTHIANS 7 WHERE PAUL TALKS ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF SINGLENES, BUT IN THAT CHAPTER PAUL NEVER FORBIDS ANY MAN FROM BEING MARRIED.

3. AND DOCTRINES LIKE CELIBACY FOR PRIESTS, BISHOP, CARDINALS AND POPES ARE BUILT UPON TRADITION AND EDICTS FROM COUNCILS AND POPES, AND NOT UPON THE WORD OF GOD.

**\* AND I'M NOT TRYING TO BE UNKIND, BUT TO TELL THE TRUTH, THAT WHEN YOU START BUILDING YOUR BELIEF SYSTEM ON TRADITION AND NOT THE WORD OF GOD, YOU COME UP WITH ALL KINDS OF ERRORS AND HERESIES, AS WITH THE PHARISEES AND SCRIBES IN JESUS' DAY!**

\*\* IN FACT, JESUS TOLD THE PHARISEES AND **SCRIBES IN MATTHEW 15:3: "WHY DO YOU YOURSELVES TRANSGRESS THE COMMANDMENT OF GOD FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR TRADITION?"**

\*\*\* AND IN THE SAME CHAPTER IN V. 6 JESUS **SAID, "AND THUS YOU INVALIDATED THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR TRADITION."**

\*\*\*\* AND THE BOTTOM LINE IS, ONLY SCRIPTURE, SOLA SCRIPTURA IS THE AUTHORITY FOR BELIEF AND PRACTICE AND ANYTHING BEYOND THAT IS ERROR. SO PETER HAD A MOTHER-IN-LAW, HE WAS MARRIED. AND JESUS WILL HEAL HER. LOOK AT V. 39 PLEASE.

B. READ V. 39. NOW THE POWER OF JESUS IS MANIFEST HERE IN V. 39 BY HIS EFFORTLESS **MIRACULOUS HEALING OF PETER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW.**

\* FOR HE STANDS OVER HER, TOUCHES HER HAND ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 8:5, REBUKES THE FEVER, RAISES HER UP IN MARK 1:31 AND THE FEVER OR MALARIA IS GONE.

\*\* AND THE HEALING IS MIRACULOUS BECAUSE IT NOT ONLY HAPPENED INSTANTANEOUSLY, BUT IT WAS TOTAL AND COMPLETE.

\*\*\* AND NORMALLY WHEN WE HAVE A REGULAR FEVER AND IT BREAKS, WE ARE VERY WEAK, RIGHT? YOU ARE WEAK FOR AWHILE BECAUSE OF ITS TOLL ON THE BODY.

\*\*\*\* BUT NOT THIS WOMAN HEALED BY JESUS, FOR SHE IMMEDIATELY GETS UP AND WAITED ON THEM, LIT. SERVED THEM, THE GREEK WORD DIAKONEO RELATED TO DIAKONOS THE GREEK WORD FOR DEACON.

1. SHE WAS SAVED FROM THIS HIGH FEVER, POSSIBLY MALARIA TO SERVE.

\* AND TWO QUICK THINGS. NO. 1, WE WERE SAVED FROM OUR SINS TO SERVE, AND NO. 2, IF YOU HAVE THE BLESSING OF GOOD HEALTH, SERVE THE ONE WHO GAVE IT TO YOU, OUR GREAT AND GLORIOUS LORD.

\*\* SERVING OUR LORD SHOULD BE THE NATURAL RESULT OR FRUIT OF BEING SAVED, AND SERVING OUR LORD IS A FRUIT OF GRATEFULNESS FROM NOT ONLY SAVING US SPIRITUALLY, BUT GIVING US HEALTH TO SERVE, WE THAT HAVE IT.

\*\*\* AND QUITE FRANKLY TODAY, IF YOU SAY YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN AND HAVE THE HEALTH TO SERVE AND ARE NOT SERVING, YOU ARE UNGRATEFUL. PONDER THAT PLEASE.

\*\*\*\* **BUT I MUST MOVE ON, AND JESUS CHRIST'S HEALING MINISTRY CONTINUES. LOOK AT V. 40 PLEASE WHERE WE'LL START TO SEE OUR 2'D POINT TODAY, THE SICK.**

II. THE SICK, (READ V. 40)

**A. NOW THE PHRASE "WHILE THE SUN IS SETTING" SIGNIFIED THE END OF THE JEWISH SABBATH.**

\* SABBATH LASTED FROM SUNSET FRIDAY TO SUNSET ON SATURDAY. AND WHILE THE SUN IS GOING DOWN ON SATURDAY NIGHT, ALL THE SABBATH RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL AND WORK ENDED.

\*\* AND OBVIOUSLY THE WORD WAS OUT WHERE JESUS WAS AND PEOPLE FLOOD TO PETER AND **ANDREW'S HOME IN HOPE OF HAVING FRIENDS** AND FAMILY HEALED.

\*\*\* AND THEY WERE NOT DISAPPOINTED, FOR IN KEEPING WITH HIS COMPASSION AND POWER TO HEAL ANYONE OF ANY DISEASE OR CONDITION, JESUS WAS LAYING HANDS ON THEM AND WAS HEALING THEM.

\*\*\*\* BELOVED, NO ONE WAS TURNED AWAY, NO **ONE WAS TOLD THEY DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH** FAITH IN THEIR SITUATION TO BE HEALED, IN FACT IT IS LIKELY THAT MOST OF THESE PEOPLE WERE UNBELIEVERS. BUT JESUS HEALED THEM ALL WITH VARIOUS DISEASES.



**1. BY THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND THEY WERE HEALED AND CERTAINLY JESUS COULD HAVE SAID THE WORD AND ALL WOULD HAVE BEEN HEALED, BUT IT SAYS HE LAID "HANDS ON EACH ONE OF THEM."**

\* THERE WAS THE PERSONAL TOUCH, THE LOVING COMPASSIONATE TOUCH, THE TIME WITH EACH PERSON, THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN TOUCH.

\*\* IN FACT, HUMAN TOUCH AND HUMAN COMPASSION WAS IMPORTANT ENOUGH THAT GOD WOULD PUT ON HUMAN FLESH AND REACH **OUT PERSON TO PERSON. THAT'S PRETTY SPECIAL.**

\*\*\* **AND I'M NOT TRYING TO MINIMIZE THE** ULTIMATE REASON THAT GOD PUT ON FLESH IN THE INCARNATION AND ADVENT OF JESUS CHRIST, TO DIE ON THE CROSS FOR SINNERS.

**\*\*\*\* BUT ISN'T IT IMPORTANT THAT LUKE WAS**  
INSPIRED TO MENTION THAT JESUS TOUCHED  
EVERY ONE OF THESE PEOPLE IN A HEALING  
COMPASSIONATE, LOVING TOUCH. LIKE  
**HOLDING A PERSON'S HAND TO PRAY, TO HUG**  
SOMEONE IN A NON-SENSUAL WAY WHEN THEY  
ARE HURTING, IT IS NO MISTAKE THAT LUKE  
GIVES US THIS DETAIL.

2. BUT NOT ONLY DOES JESUS HEAL. HE CASTS  
OUT DEMONS. LOOK AT V. 41 PLEASE.

B. READ V. 41. NOW AS I COMMUNICATED LAST  
SUNDAY WHEN JESUS CAST OUT A DEMON THAT  
POSSESSED A MAN THAT WAS ATTENDING  
SYNAGOGUE IN CAPERNAUM WHEN JESUS WAS  
THERE.

\* IF JESUS IS TO FREE THOSE HELD CAPTIVE IN  
**SATAN'S KINGDOM OF DARKNESS, HE MUST**  
HAVE POWER OVER SATAN AND HIS DEMON  
HOSTS.

\*\* AND AS IN THE SYNAGOGUE EARLIER THAT DAY, JESUS SHOWS THAT KIND OF POWER OVER DEMONS HERE IN V. 41.

\*\*\* AND LIKE THE DEMON JESUS CAST OUT IN THE SYNAGOGUE, THE DEMONS WERE TERRIFIED OF HIM. THEY KNOW HIS TRUE IDENTITY AS THEY CONFESS IT SHOUTING AS THEY LEAVE **THEIR VICTIMS, "YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD."**

\*\*\*\* AND AS IN EARLIER IN THE DAY IN THE SYNAGOGUE, JESUS REBUKED THESE DEMONS AND WOULD NOT ALLOW THEM TO FURTHER SPEAK, WHY?

1. JESUS DID NOT WANT THE TESTIMONY OF DEMONS DECLARING WHO HE WAS, HE DID NOT NEED THEIR ENDORSEMENT, THEIR REFERENCE, JESUS WANTED NO PUBLICITY FROM DEMONS AND NO ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

**\* I MEAN HE DIDN'T WANT PEOPLE TO BE** CONFUSED. FOR LATER ON THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS WOULD ACCUSE HIM OF CASTING OUT DEMONS BY THE POWER OF BEELZEBUB, FROM **SATAN. HOWEVER, JESUS WAS NOT SATAN'S** ALLY.

**\*\* SO IT WAS INAPPROPRIATE THAT JESUS'** MESSIAHSHIP SHOULD BE PROCLAIMED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF SATAN.

\*\*\* BUT I MUST KEEP MOVING ON, WHICH LEADS **US TO V. 42 WHERE WE'LL START TO SEE OUR** THIRD AND LAST POINT TODAY, THE SEARCH. LOOK AT V. 42 PLEASE.

III. THE SEARCH, (READ V. 42)

A. NOW WHEN DAY CAME, WHICH LIT. MEANS WHEN DAY CAME ON SUNDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK, WHILE IT WAS STILL DARK ACCORDING TO THE PARALLEL TEXT IN MARK 1:35.

**\* JESUS LEFT PETER AND ANDREW'S HOUSE FOR A QUIET TIME WITH HIS FATHER.**

\*\* FOR MARK IN HIS GOSPEL REVEALS WHY JESUS LEFT BEFORE SUNRISE IN MARK 1:35 **WHICH SAYS: "IN THE EARLY MORNING, WHILE IT WAS STILL DARK, JESUS GOT UP, LEFT THE HOUSE, AND WENT AWAY TO A SECLUDED PLACE, AND WAS PRAYING THERE."**

\*\*\* NOW ALTHOUGH JESUS IS 100% GOD, HE IS ALSO 100% MAN, AND IN HIS MANHOOD HE MANAGED TO GET HIS SPIRITUAL BATTERIES CHARGED FROM A LONG SABBATH IN CAPERNAUM.

\*\*\*\* SO HE GETS ALONE WITH HIS FATHER IN A SECLUDED PLACE TO PRAY, TO HAVE A QUIET TIME.

1. BUT BEFORE LONG, THE CROWDS ARE SEARCHING FOR JESUS. IN FACT IN MARK 1:36&37, PETER AND PROBABLY ANDREW, JAMES AND JOHN LOOK FOR HIM FIRST TO FOREWARN HIM THAT EVERYONE IS LOOKING FOR YOU.

\* I MEAN AWED BY HIS POWER TO DELIVER PEOPLE FROM DISEASE AND DEMONS, JESUS GAVE THEM HOPE AND UNDERSTANDABLY THEY **DON'T WANT JESUS** TO LEAVE, THEY TRY TO KEEP HIM FROM GOING.

\*\* BUT JESUS HAS A GREATER PURPOSE THAN TO JUST HEAL AND CAST OUT DEMONS, LOOK AT V. 43 PLEASE.

B. READ V. 43. NOW ALTHOUGH JESUS IN COMPASSION HEALS MANY PEOPLE AND CASTS OUT DEMONS TO AUTHENTICATE AND DISPLAY HIS POWER.

\* HE HAS A DIVINE MANDATE COMMUNICATED **BY THE SHORT PHRASES, "I MUST" AND "I WAS SENT."**

\*\* AND WHAT MUST JESUS DO, AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE WAS HE SENT INTO THE WORLD AS GOD THE SON?

\*\*\* TO PREACH THE KINGDOM OF GOD TO OTHER CITIES BEYOND CAPERNAUM THAT WAS HIS **FATHER'S WILL.**

\*\*\*\* SO JESUS CAME NOT MERELY TO DEMONSTRATE HIS POWER OVER THE EFFECTS OF SIN IN THE BODY BY HEALING POWER, BUT **MORE IMPORTANTLY TO OVERCOME SIN'S ETERNAL CONSEQUENCES, "TO SAVE PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS," MATTHEW 1:21 AND** THE KEY VERSE IN LUKE, LUKE 19:10 (QUOTE IT).

1. AND ONLY BY FAITH IN THE TRUTH PREACHED COULD SINNERS BE RESCUED FROM **SATAN'S KINGDOM OF DARKNESS AND ENTER** INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

\* THE KINGDOM OF GOD IN THIS CONTEXT BEING THE RULE AND AUTHORITY OF GOD, LIT. INTO THE REALM OR SPHERE OF SALVATION THAT THOSE WHO TURN TO JESUS IN REPENTANT FAITH TO THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL, THEN ENTER.

\*\* SO PREACHING WAS THE PRIORITY. SO WHAT DID JESUS DO TO FULFILL THAT PRIORITY? WELL, LOOK AT V. 44 PLEASE.

C. READ V. 44. NOW HOW DID JESUS FULFILL HIS MISSION, HIS MANDATE? BY PREACHING IN THE SYNAGOGUES ALL OVER JUDEA, WHICH IS MOST LIKELY A TERM FOR THE ENTIRE NATION OF ISRAEL, PALESTINE INCLUDING GALILEE, NOT JUST THE SOUTHERN PART OF ISRAEL.

AND TWO APPLICATIONS IN MY WRAP-UP TODAY: (1) NO. 1 IT ALWAYS COMES DOWN TO PREACHING OR PROCLAMATION, OR VERBAL TESTIMONY BY WITNESSING TO OTHERS ABOUT THE GOSPEL.



\* I MEAN WE MUST BE LIGHTS FOR THE LORD, LIVE THE LIFE, LIVE IN A WAY THAT HONORS THE LORD, LOVE AND HAVE COMPASSION FOR OTHERS AND HELP AS WE CAN.

\*\* BUT FOR A PERSON TO BECOME A PART OF **GOD'S KINGDOM, THEY MUST HEAR VERBALLY** THE GOSPEL, THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOOD NEWS, THEY MUST BE TOLD. QUOTE ACTS 1:8, ROMANS 10:13&15&17, I PETER 1:23&25.

\*\*\* NOW WE ARE TRAINING SOME OF YOU HOW TO MORE EFFECTIVELY DO THAT IN OUR ADULT CLASSES RIGHT NOW. LET US HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF EQUIPPING YOU TO DO THAT IN A BIBLICAL WAY, EXALTING THE WORD OF GOD, THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST.

\*\*\*\* **AND IF YOU DON'T TRULY KNOW JESUS** TODAY AS YOUR REDEEMER, YOUR SAVIOR, YOUR LORD AND MASTER, LET US HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF TALKING TO YOU MORE AFTER THE SERVICE OF HOW YOU CAN BE FORGIVEN OF YOUR SINS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST ALONE.

(2) NO.2 AND LAST OF ALL, DID YOU GET THE TRUTH AGAIN TODAY THAT JESUS GOT UP EARLY IN THE MORNING TO MEET IN A QUIET TIME WITH HIS FATHER TO PRAY?

\* AND JESUS IN HIS HUMANNESS HAD TO BE VERY TIRED FROM A LONG EXHAUSTING DAY, BUT HE ROSE UP BEFORE DAY TO GET ALONE WITH HIS FATHER.

\*\* AND FOR MANY OF YOU WITH LONG DAYS, WITH WORK AND PARENTING, THE ONLY WAY TO HAVE A GOOD PRAYER TIME AND MEET YOUR FATHER IS TO DO IT BEFORE EVERYTHING ELSE. IT OBVIOUSLY WAS A PRIORITY FOR JESUS AND SHOULD BE FOR US, IN WHATEVER TIME YOU DO IT BUT MAKE IT A PRIORITY, NOT A THING I DO WHEN I CAN.

\*\*\* CHRISTIAN, GET ALONE WITH YOUR FATHER EVERYDAY AND BE RESTORED AND STRENGTHENED IN HIM THROUGH A QUIET TIME IN PRAYER.

\*\*\*\* MOST OF US HAVE SO MUCH TO DO, AND WE  
WILL NOT ACCOMPLISH IT, UNLESS WE HAVE A  
**TIME OF SOLITUDE IN PRAYER. (LET'S PRAY)**