

**October 2, 2011 ~ Louis Brenton
JESUS PROCLAIMS THE GOSPEL**

Main Text: Matthew 4:23-25

1. Matthew is giving his readers a summary of Jesus' Galilean ministry v. 23

- ♦ Matthew is building his case that Jesus is more than just a man...He's God incarnate
- ♦ There can be no legitimate separation between Christ the teacher & Christ the healer

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

2. Jesus' Galilean ministry consisted of 3 categories: v. 23

a. Teaching

- ♦ the synagogue was the center of spiritual & community life in every Jewish village

Acts 13:13-15

Luke 4:16-21

- ♦ Jesus was teaching them how to think & live in accordance with the reality of the Kingdom

b. Healing

- ♦ these healings were divine verification of Christ's words Hebrews 2:3-4
- ♦ these healings were a foretaste & picture of the coming Kingdom

Revelation 21:1-4

1 Corinthians 15:35:42-49

c. Proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom

- ♦ the Kingdom of Heaven is the domain of God's sovereign rule, & the Kingdom of Heaven is present where Christ is present
- ♦ it is good news that there is a living God who is good, and that He exercises Kingly authority

Acts 8:12

3. Jesus ministered throughout Galilee, but drew a much broader following v. 23, 24, 25

Acts 9:2, 20-22

- ♦ we will see that there's a distinction between a following crowd & disciples