

Jesus The Evangelist

- **Opening Announcements**
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Q: When you think of “evangelist” and “evangelism”, what comes to mind?

Q: In the minds of many people, is evangelism seen as a positive or a negative? Why?

Table Time...

READ: Luke 4:17-21 “And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, 18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” 20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Q: According to this section, what was Jesus’ mission?

READ: Mark 1:35-39 “And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. 36 And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, 37 and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.” 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.” 39 And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.”

Q: What’s the relationship between prayer and “going” in this section?

Q: According to verse 37, what did “everyone” want from Jesus?

Q: After prayer, what was Jesus’ response?

Q: What is the connection between “preaching” and “casting out demons”? (Hint: the Lord’s prayer).

READ: Luke 9:1-6 “And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, 2 and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. 3 And he said to them, “Take nothing for your journey, no

staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics. 4 And whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. 5 And wherever they do not receive you, when you leave that town shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them." 6 And they departed and went through the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere."

Q: What are the similarities between this passage and the Mark 1 passage above?

READ: Matthew 28:18-20 "And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Q: What's the command here?

Q: What's the promise?

Big Group Debrief...

Q: What are the takeaways from these passages?

Q: Above there are three different examples of "evangelism". What are they and who is involved?

READ: Acts 21:7-9 "When we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais, and we greeted the brothers and stayed with them for one day. 8 On the next day we departed and came to Caesarea, and we entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. 9 He had four unmarried daughters, who prophesied."

Q: How do we see some of the gifts described here?

READ: 2 Timothy 4:5 "As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry."

Q: Timothy was a "shepherd/pastor". But here in verse 5, Paul encourages Timothy to do what?

Q: How does this remind us that while we may have a "primary" gifting, we are also called into the others?