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# Jesus Was Sent To Preach

Luke Emphasizes the Priority of the Word





*“And he began teaching in their synagogues and was praised by all.” (4:15)*

*“So he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.” (4:44)*

*“Soon afterwards, he began going around from one city and village to another proclaiming and preaching the kingdom of God.” (8:1)*

*“And he was passing through from one city and village to another, teaching and proceeding on his way to Jerusalem.” (13:22)*

*“And he was teaching daily in the temple; but the chief priests and the scribes and the leading men among the people were trying to destroy him” (19:47)*

*“Now during the day he was teaching in the temple, but at evening he would go out and spend the night on the mount that is called Olivet.” (21:37)*

A large crowd of people is shown from behind, sitting on the ground in a field. They are wearing simple, light-colored clothing. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting dusk or dawn, with a dark sky above. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font.

*“I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose.” (4:43)*

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The Word of God Was Central To the Ministry and Mission of Jesus

The Word of God Should Be Central To Our Lives

The Word of God Is Central To Discipleship





# Fishers of Men

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- When Jesus called Simon, he said, *“Do not fear, from now on you will be catching men.”* (5:10)
  - Before he was called as an apostle, he was **called to catch men.**



# Kingdom Fishermen

- When Jesus sent out the twelve, *“He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God”* (9:2) and they went out, *“preaching the gospel”* (Luke 9:6)
- When Jesus talked to a would-be disciple he said, *“Allow the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim everywhere the kingdom of God.”* (9:60)
- When Jesus sent out the seventy-two, he said, *“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go... and say, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’”* (Luke 10:2,3,9)

# Kingdom Fishermen

- Acts 8, Philip went to Samaria, *“preaching the good news about the **kingdom of God**”* (8:12)
- Paul in prison for the gospel, *“**preaching the kingdom of God and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all openness, unhindered.**”* (28:31)
- It is amazing how followers of Jesus are **actually called to follow Jesus.**
- Jesus was sent to proclaim the **kingdom of God** and sent disciples to proclaim the kingdom of God.



# Stewards of the Mystery

- “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good **stewards of God's varied grace**: whoever speaks, as one who **speaks oracles of God**; whoever serves, as one who **serves by the strength that God supplies**—in order that in everything God may be **glorified through Jesus Christ**. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen”
- 1 Peter 4:10 – 11

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- “Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the **grace that was to be yours** searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the **Spirit of Christ** in them was indicating when **he predicted** the **sufferings** of Christ and the subsequent **glories**. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the **good news to you by the Holy Spirit** sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.” (ESV)
- 1 Peter 1:10 - 12

# Stewards of the Mystery

- “**In him** we have redemption through **his blood**, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of **his grace**, which he **lavished upon us**, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the **mystery of his will** according to **his purpose**, which he set forth in **Christ** as a plan for the fullness of time, to **unite all things in him**, things in heaven and things on earth. **In him** we have obtained an **inheritance**, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of **his will**, so that we who were the first to **hope in Christ** might be to **the praise of his glory**. **In him** you also, when **you heard the word of truth**, the gospel of your salvation, and **believed in him**, were sealed with the **promised Holy Spirit**, who is the guarantee of our **inheritance** until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.” Eph.1

# Stewards of the Mystery

- **Eph. 3:1 – 5** “For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for **Christ Jesus** on behalf of you Gentiles— assuming that you have heard of the **stewardship of God's grace** that was given to me for you, how the **mystery was made known** to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the **mystery of Christ**, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been **revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.**”



# Stewards of the Mystery

- “I became a minister according to the **stewardship from God** that was given to me for you, to make the **word of God fully known**, the **mystery hidden** for ages and generations but **now revealed to his saints**. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the **glory of this mystery**, which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory. **Him we proclaim**, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present **everyone mature in Christ**. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that **he powerfully works within me.**”
- Colossians 1:24 - 29

# Stewards of the Mystery

- “For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but **Jesus Christ as Lord**, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the **knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ**. But we have this treasure in **jars of clay**, to show that the **surpassing power belongs to God** and not to us.”
- 2 Cor. 4:5 - 7

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