

## Jesus preached the gospel (good news) that the kingdom of God is near

Mark 1:14 Now after that John was put in prison, **Jesus** came into Galilee, **preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,**

15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the **kingdom of God is at hand**: repent (*change*) ye, and believe the gospel.

Jesus started his ministry by telling everyone the good news (gospel) that because the time is fulfilled, the kingdom of God is near! Jesus further said that people (Jesus directly addressed the Old Testament Israelites) should change from the Old Testament doctrine and believe this good news. We see here and later in this study that Jesus preached this gospel everywhere, as did the disciples, and the church (body of Christ).

"The time is fulfilled" (in Mark 1:15 above) because Jesus, the Messiah (the anointed), has come to fulfill the law. This is reinforced in Matthew 5:17-18 (below). Mark 1:15 continues that we are to believe this gospel (good news) that: "The kingdom of God is at hand."

Matthew 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Jesus is telling the Old Testament Israelites that the law is fulfilled and they should believe the gospel (good news) that the kingdom of God is at hand (is near).

Luke 16:16 The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the **kingdom of God** is preached, and every man presseth into it.

Luke 16:16 (above) says that since the time of John the Baptist, the kingdom of God is preached. Since Jesus' ministry started after Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, Jesus and his disciples must have preached the kingdom of God and that God wants everyone to "presseth into" the kingdom of God. This reinforces Mark 1:14-15 (above).

Luke 9:1 Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.

2 And he sent them to **preach the kingdom of God**, and to heal the sick.

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6 And they departed, and went through the towns, **preaching the gospel**, and healing every where.

Luke 9:1-6 (above) shows again that this gospel of the kingdom of God was preached everywhere during Jesus' ministry. Jesus told the twelve disciples to tell everyone everywhere this good news. Jesus also gave them power and authority over all devils and to heal the sick.

Luke 9:1-6 (above) shows that Jesus wanted the twelve to do the same work Jesus did, so:

1. Jesus gave them power and authority over all devils.
2. Jesus gave them power and authority to cure diseases.
3. Jesus sent them to preach the kingdom of God (and they preached this gospel everywhere).
4. Jesus sent them to heal the sick.

This is confirmed by John 14:12 (below).

John 14:12 **Verily** (*truly*), **verily** (*truly*), I say unto you, He that believeth on me, **the works that I do shall he do** also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

A later portion of this study shows that after Mark 1:14-15, the Bible recorded that they either preached the “kingdom” (of God) or preached the “gospel” (the good news that the kingdom of God is near to us now). When the Bible says that they preached the “kingdom” or they preached the “gospel,” it is shorthand for their preaching that the gospel of the kingdom of God is near to us because the time is fulfilled (the messiah is here). (See Mark 1:14-15 above).

## How the kingdom of God comes upon a person (upon us)

So, Jesus preached to everyone everywhere that the gospel of the kingdom of God has come near us. But near is just near. How and when does the kingdom of God and man meet? Matthew 12:28 (below) and Luke 11:20 (below) tells us how.

Matthew 12:28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the **kingdom of God is come unto you.**

Luke 11:20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the **kingdom of God is come upon you.**

Jesus was very clear in Matthew 12:28 and Luke 11:20 (above) that the kingdom of God comes upon us when Jesus (or man), by the Spirit of God (Acts 10:38, Matthew 3:16), casts out devils. Comparing these two verses shows that the finger of God is the Spirit of God.

1 John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 3:8 (above) shows that Jesus was manifested on earth to destroy the works of the devil. Jesus preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God is near us and casting out devils must, therefore, destroy the works of the devil. As this study progresses, it will show that 1 John 3:8, Mark 1:14-15, Luke 9:1-6, John 14:12, Matthew 12:28, Luke 11:20, Luke 10:1-19, Acts 10:36-38, Luke 4:18, and Matthew 6:9-13 live in harmony.

Luke 10:1 After these things the LORD appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

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9 And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The **kingdom of God is come nigh unto you**.

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17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

19 Behold, **I give unto you** power (**authority**) to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Luke 10:1-19 (above) reinforce what Mark 1:14-15 (above) and Luke 9:1-6 (above) say: Jesus told everyone that the gospel of the kingdom of God is near us/upon us when we use the authority in the name of Jesus and the power of the Spirit of God to cast out devil and heal the sick. Furthermore, Luke 9:1-6, Luke 10:1-19, Mark 1:14-15 agree with 1 John 3:8 and John 14:12.

As in Luke 9:1, Jesus gave the seventy authority (Luke 10:19, Luke 10:17) to preach the gospel of the kingdom of God (Mark 1:14-15, Luke 10:9) and heal the sick. The seventy, like Jesus did in Matthew 12:28 and Luke 11:29, brought the kingdom of God upon people by casting out devils (Luke 10:17, 10:19).

Luke 9:49 And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbid him, because he followeth not with us.

50 And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us.

Luke 9:49-50 (above) show that even a stranger can use Jesus' name (Luke 10:17-19) to cause the kingdom of God to come upon man on earth (according to Matthew 12:28, Luke 11:20, Mark 5:30 in 5:25-34, Acts 10:38). This must be God's will for Jesus is fine with this (Luke 9:50 above).

## Kingdom of God comes with power on earth since the early church days

Luke 9:27 But I tell you of a truth, there be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the **kingdom of God**.

Luke 9:27 (above) is the clearest support that the kingdom of God has been on earth since when Jesus walked on earth. Since some standing there would see the kingdom of God before they die, then the kingdom of God must be on earth now.

Mark 9:1 And he said unto them, Verily (truly) I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

In Mark 9:1 (above) Jesus emphatically (with one "verily" or "truly") says that the kingdom of God comes to the people of that generation. In the verse above, the kingdom of God came with power because God anointed Jesus and the body of Christ with power (Acts 10:38) to do work (Acts 1:8, 1 John 3:8, John 14-12).

Matthew 16:28 Verily (truly) I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

All three gospel books agree that Jesus said that the kingdom of God has been on earth since Jesus' ministry started.

## The kingdom of God is where God's will is done on earth

Matthew 6:9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13 (above) is commonly called the Lord's Prayer and it tells us a lot about the kingdom of God. Firstly, verse 10 says that God wants the kingdom of God to come to earth such that God's will is done on earth just as God's kingdom and will are already done in heaven.

Secondly, since God wants us to pray that the kingdom of God comes to us on earth, the kingdom of God must not automatically be everywhere on the earth (Matthew 12:28, Luke 11:20). God wants us to pray this prayer so that the kingdom of God comes to us on earth. More broadly, the context here implies that if we want God's help, we need to pray. Conversely, if we do not pray, it is quite possible that God does not help us.

Thirdly, verse 11-13 are God's wills that God wants us to pray the following to come to true for us: (1) provide us our needs, (2) forgive our debts, and (3) deliver us from trouble.

Fourthly, since verse 10-13 are one context and are all Mark 11:23 statements (all faith statements, see Mark 11:22, 11:23) and since they are God's will (Jesus told us to pray them) for us, God wants us to call for them ("whatever you desire (*call for*)" in Mark 11:24) to come true for us. In other words, God wants us to do "faith" (Mark 11:22 and Mark 11:23-24) to get the kingdom of God/God's will to come to earth: to receive our needs met, to receive forgiveness for our debts, and to remain safe. [See the studies "What Jesus Means By Faith" and "Bible Miracles Explained."]

For example, verse 11, "Give us this day our daily bread," shows that it is God's will that God provides us our daily bread (daily food). The context shows that Jesus wants us to pray verse 11, which makes praying, "Father God, gives us this day our daily bread," a prayer of faith (see Mark 11:24 and Mark 11:22-24), which causes God to implement this verse and to provide our daily food. This same process follows for "forgive us our debt" in verse 12 and "lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" in verse 13. [See the studies "What Jesus Means By Faith" and "Bible Miracles Explained."]

Consequently, the Lord's Prayer shows that man praying the prayer of faith (James 5:15, Mark 11:22-24), in agreement with God's will for man, is how man causes the kingdom of God to come upon man on earth. The

kingdom of God is where God's will is implemented by man doing faith (Mark 11:22, 11:23) in agreement with God's will for man (as stated in the Bible). [See the studies "What Jesus Means By Faith" and "Bible Miracles Explained."]

Matthew 12:28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

The following Bible episodes are examples of Matthew 12:28 (above) where the kingdom of God came upon man when either the devil or his work is cast out of man.

Luke 4:31 And came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the sabbath days.

32 And they were astonished at his doctrine (*teaching*): for his word was with (*in/on*) power (*authority*).

33 And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice,

34 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God.

35 And **Jesus** rebuked him, **saying**, Hold thy peace, and **come out of him**. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not.

36 And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word (*teaching/discourse*) is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.

Luke 4:31-36 (above) gives one example of how Jesus cast out the devil from a person. In Luke 4:35 (above), Jesus exercised his authority by saying "come out of him," in agreement with God's will ("thy will be done in earth" in Matthew 6:10 above). "Come out of him" in Luke 4:35 (above) is a Mark 11:23 statement. So, once again, doing "faith" (or Mark 11:23) in agreement with God's will (as declared in the Bible) is how we bring the kingdom of God upon us.

Luke 13:11 And, behold, there was a **woman** which **had a spirit of infirmity** eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.

12 And when **Jesus** saw her, he called her to him, and **said** unto her, Woman, **thou art loosed from thine infirmity**.

13 And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

14 And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.

15 The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering?

16 And ought not this **woman**, being a daughter of Abraham, **whom Satan hath bound**, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?

The episode of Luke 13:11-16 (above) shows again that the kingdom of God is implemented on earth when man does faith (Mark 11:22, 11:23) in agreement with God's will. The woman was bowed/bent over for eighteen years by a devil spirit. Jesus said in verse 16 that it is God's will that this woman be loosed from the devil's oppression (Acts 10:38, 1 John 3:8). Being oppressed by the devil is not God's will for us. So, Jesus said, in verse 12, that "thou art loosed from thine infirmity," a Mark 11:23 faith statement. Jesus exercised his authority and did faith in agreement with God's will to cast out the devil from her and made her whole. The woman transitioned into the kingdom of God when God's will was done for her when Jesus (man) did faith in agreement with God's will.

Mark 5:25 And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,

26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,

27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.

28 For **she said**, If I may touch but his clothes, **I shall be whole**.

29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.

30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue (power) had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?

31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

32 And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing.

33 But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.

34 And he said unto her, Daughter, **thy faith hath made thee whole**; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

The episode of Mark 5:25-34 (above) confirms with Matthew 12:28 and Luke 11:20 that the kingdom of God comes upon man when man does faith to manifests God's will on earth. This woman was oppressed by the devil (Acts 10:38, Luke 13:16, 1 John 3:8, John 10:10) for twelve years. The woman's bleeding dried up when she said, "I shall be whole," a Mark 11:23 statement in agreement with God's will for her. And Jesus knew immediately that power (Acts 10:38, Matthew 3:16) left him. Studying this episode shows that Jesus did not cause her healing. Power left Jesus to heal her because of her Mark 11:23 statement, for Jesus said in verse 34 that "thy faith hath made thee whole." Because what this woman did conforms with Matthew 12:28 and Luke 11:20, we conclude that what this woman caused the kingdom of God to come upon her. This woman did a "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also" of John 14:12.

It is important to note that Mark 1:14-15, Matthew 6:9-13, Acts 10:36-38, Matthew 12:28, Luke 11:20, 1 John 3:8, John 14:12, Luke 9:1-6, and Luke 10:1-19 all harmonize and support each other. Furthermore, they also

harmonize and support with Luke 4:43, Matthew 4:23, Matthew 9:35, Luke 16:16, Mark 11:22-24, and Mark 16:15-18.

To reiterate: the kingdom of God is where God's will is done when man does faith in agreement with God's will. [See the studies "Bible Miracles Explained" and "What Jesus Means By Faith"]

The woman did Philippians 4:19 by doing faith.

## The kingdom of God is about God meeting our needs here on earth

Matthew 6:25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

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30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:25-33 (above) is part of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5, 6, 7). Jesus preached this early in his ministry. Since Jesus preached everywhere the kingdom of God, Matthew 6:25-33 is part of what Jesus said about the kingdom of God. In this section, Jesus told the people that God supplies their needs. Jesus said that we should first seek the kingdom of God and then God will supply our needs. This makes sense as the "Lord's Prayer" (Matthew 6:9-13) says that God wants us to live on earth as we would live in heaven. And since the needs listed in this section are things we need to live on earth, then the kingdom of God is for us here on earth.

Luke 12:31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Luke 12:31-32 (above) is a parallel passage to Matthew 6:33 (above) and it confirms that we should first seek the kingdom of God and then our needs will be given to us now. Therefore, the kingdom of God is here now and we can indeed enter into it. Luke 12:32 (above) adds that God wants to give us the kingdom of God.

## Healing from sickness is added unto us.

Episodes above illustrate this. Jesus did Philippians 4:19 by doing faith.

## Protection is added unto us

Mark 4:35 And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.

36 And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.

37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

39 And **he** arose, and rebuked the wind, and **said** unto the sea, **Peace, be still**. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

In this episode, Jesus did faith by saying, "Peace, be still," to the storm to calm the storm and the sea (verse 39 above). "how is it that ye have no faith" in verse 40 implies that Jesus expected them to do the same (1 John 3:8, John 14:12).

Jesus did Philippians 4:19 by doing faith.

## Sustenance is added unto us.

Luke 5:4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

Since Jesus called himself a prophet, "launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught" in Luke 5:4 is God's will for them.

5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless **at thy word I will let down the net**.

The key action is "At thy word I will let down the net." Man first acts in agreement with God's will and then God implements God's will. See the study "Bible Miracles Explained."

6 And **when they had this done**, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.

They (man) first acted in agreement with God's will, and then God then implemented God's will.



7 And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

This episode also shows God's will to supply our needs (Matthew 6:11, Matthew 6:25-33, Matthew 7:7-11). God supplied their needs abundantly through the work of their hands. We can expect the same if we first act in agreement with God's will (supply our needs abundantly).

Jesus did Philippians 4:19 by doing faith.

Matthew 14:13 When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard thereof, they followed him on foot out of the cities.

14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

15 And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals.

16 But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; **give ye them to eat.**

17 And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes.

18 He said, Bring them hither to me.

19 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

20 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.

The episode of Matthew 14:13-20 (above) shows God's will to supply us sustenance. What is interesting in this episode is when Jesus said to them, "give ye them to eat." This implies that Jesus expected them to use their faith to bring the kingdom of God/food to them.

Similarly, Philippians 4:19 (below) says that God supplies our needs according to the riches in Christ Jesus. Christians are members of the body of Christ. "Christ" means the anointed one. Jesus was anointed with the Spirit of God and power (Acts 10:38, Matthew 3:16). Jesus baptizes (covers, anoints) the Christians, the body of Christ, with the Spirit of God (Matthew 3:11, Luke 24:49, Acts 1:5, 1:8) and power (Acts 10:38). Mark 5:28-30 and Mark 5:34 show that man's faith moves God's power to implement's God's will for man. Philippians 4:19 agrees with "seek ye first the kingdom of God . . . . and all these things shall be added unto you" in Matthew 6:33 when man does faith to manifests the kingdom of God. This is consistent with 1 John 3:8 and John 14:12.

Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Jesus did Philippians 4:19 by doing faith.

## The kingdom of God is within man

Luke 17:20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the **kingdom of God is within you.**

The kingdom of God cannot be seen, for it is within man.

## Jesus teaches the mystery of the Kingdom of God: God's word in man

Mark 4:10 And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable.

11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the **kingdom of God**: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:

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14 The sower soweth the **word**. [God's Word is sown into man's heart]

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Mark 4:20 And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

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Mark 4:26 And he said, So is the **kingdom of God**, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;

27 And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

28 For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

29 But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

30 And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the **kingdom of God**? or with what comparison shall we compare it?

31 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth:

32 But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.

Jesus teaches that the mystery/heart of the operation of the kingdom of God is God's Word sown into man's heart (through reading/hearing/studying/meditating God's Word). If the seed of God's Word is received by man and is watered (through more and repeated exposure to God's Word: Romans 10:17) then the seed grows to a great tree that brings much result. We know from other studies that it is our "faith" that brings miracles. So, compare the above with Romans 10:17, Joshua 1:8, Proverbs 4:20-22, 1 John 3:8, John 14:12. So, more and more God's Word in us grows our faith and the kingdom of God in us.

## The Kingdom of God grows big and spreads wide

Luke 13:18 Then said he, Unto what is the kingdom of God like? and whereunto shall I resemble it?

19 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and cast into his garden; and it grew, and waxed a great tree; and the fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it.

20 And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God?

21 It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

## How to seek the kingdom of God?

Luke 12:31 But rather seek ye the **kingdom of God**; and all these things shall be added unto you.

How do we seek the kingdom of God so that all these things be added unto us? Since God said this, then God must want us to seek the kingdom of God, press into it, and then receive our needs met.

## Step 1: be born again

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a **man be born again**, he cannot **see the kingdom of God**.

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born of water and of the Spirit**, he cannot **enter into the kingdom of God**.

Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess (say) with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Assuming the reader is a Christian, then the reader is born again and has satisfied John 3:3-5 (above) and Romans 10:9-10 (above).

## Step 2: be baptized

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 **He that** believeth and **is baptized** shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; **In my name shall they cast out devils;** they shall speak with new tongues;

18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall **lay hands on the sick,** and **they shall recover.**

Matthew 28:19 (above) and Mark 16:15-18 (above) say that Christians (body of Christ) should also be baptized as Jesus was baptized. For then they can, in Jesus' name, cast out devils and sickness (work of the devil). God put the Spirit of God and power (Acts 10:38, Acts 1:8, Luke 24:49) on His worker when man baptizes (covers) the worker in oil or water (1 Samuel 10:1, 1 Samuel 16:13, Matthew 3:16, Matthew 3:11, Acts 2:38, Galatians 3:14). Now the worker can cause the kingdom of God upon man as Jesus said in Matthew 12:28 and Luke 11:20. The body of Christ is equipped as Jesus was equipped in order to do the work Jesus did (1 John 3:8, John 14:12). [See the study "Jesus Church Parallels"]

## Step 3: put God's word in one's heart (very important)

See the section titled (above): "Jesus teaches the mysteries of the Kingdom of God: God's word in man." Also see Romans 10:17, Joshua 1:8, Proverbs 4:22-25. Continue to read/hear/meditate/think on God's Word, especially those on faith and the kingdom of God. To emphasize: continue to read/hear/meditate/think on God's Word, especially those on faith and the kingdom of God. This is an ongoing process. This is how you make the kingdom of God in your heart big. This is how you make your faith big and strong.

## Step 4: do faith in agreement with God's promises

See the previous sections on the Lord's Prayer, faith, and the kingdom of God. Also see the studies: "Bible Miracles Explained," "What Jesus Means By Faith," "G154 To Call For," "Fight the Good Fight of Faith," and "Prayer of Faith Factors."

Jesus and others preached the gospel of the kingdom of God everywhere

Jesus was sent to preach the Kingdom of God

Luke 4:43 And he said unto them, I must preach the **kingdom of God** to other cities also: for therefore am I sent.

44 And he preached in the synagogues of Galilee.

Luke 4:43 (above) says that Jesus was sent to preach the kingdom of God.

## Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom (of God) and healed the sick

Matthew 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the **gospel of the kingdom** (of God), and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

25 And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan.

Due to their close proximity, the gospel of the kingdom of God is neigh (near) and healing the sick are likely to be related. In fact, healing the sick is probably a part of the kingdom of God: healing is an outcome of the kingdom of God with us.

Matthew 9:35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the **gospel of the kingdom**, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Again, Jesus preached everywhere that the kingdom of God is here now and then Jesus showed that the kingdom of God is here by healing the sick everywhere.

Luke 8:1 And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings (good news) of the **kingdom of God**: and the twelve were with him,

## Jesus sent the 12 to preach the kingdom of God and heal the sick

Luke 9:1 Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.

2 And he sent them to preach the **kingdom of God**, and to **heal the sick.**

3 And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece.

4 And whatsoever house ye enter into, there abide, and thence depart.

5 And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them.

6 And they departed, and went through the towns, **preaching the gospel**, and healing every where.

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Luke 9:11 And the people, when they knew it, followed him: and he received them, and spake unto them of the **kingdom of God**, and healed them that had need of healing.

Once again, “preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God” and “healing the sick” are in the same context. Healing the sick is part of the kingdom of God if we factor in John 14:12, 1 John 3:8, John 10:10, Acts 10:38.

## Jesus sent the 70 to preach the gospel of the kingdom of God and heal the sick

Luke 10:9 And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The **kingdom of God** is come nigh unto (near to) you.

10 But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say,

11 Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the **kingdom of God** is come nigh unto (near to) you.

Luke 10:9-11 (above) Jesus told the 70 to heal the sick and then tell them that therefore the kingdom of God is near to them. This passage confirms that healing the sick is part of the kingdom of God.

## Jesus wanted others to preached the kingdom of God

Luke 9:59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer (*allow*) me first to go and bury my father.

60 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.

62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

Jesus said that it was more urgent for someone to preach the kingdom of God than to bury a member of one’s family or to bid farewell to one’s family. This passage implies that everyone should preach the kingdom of God.

## The church also preached the gospel of the kingdom of God and healed the sick

Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

Acts 8:12 (above) is one context and it shows that the name of Jesus is also part of the kingdom of God.

Acts 3:2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

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6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

According to Matthew 12:28 and Luke 11:20, the kingdom of God has come upon this lame man.

Acts 8:25 And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

Acts 14:21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch,

22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, (G4102) and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

We are to enter into the kingdom of God.

Acts 19:8 And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

Acts 20:25 And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.

Acts 28:23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the **kingdom of God**, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.

Acts 28:30 And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him,

31 Preaching the **kingdom of God**, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.