

Preaching and Power

Jesus' preaching of the kingdom of God was *usually* accompanied by demonstrations of it's power. He also instructed His disciples to preach the Gospel accompanied by demonstrations of the kingdom's power.

Matthew 10:7-8

And as you go, preach, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." ⁸Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

[Matthew 12:28]

But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.]

Mark 1:38-39

But He said to them, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth."³⁹ And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and casting out demons.

Mark 3:14-15

Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach,¹⁵ and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons:

Luke 9:1-2

Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases.² He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

Luke 9:11

But when the multitudes knew it, they followed Him; and He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who had need of healing.

Luke 10:9

And heal the sick there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

[Luke 11:20]

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Acts 4:29-30

Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word,³⁰ by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus."

Question to Ponder: Shouldn't our preaching of God's kingdom *usually* be accompanied by demonstrations of it's power, just as it did under Jesus and His disciples' preaching?