



Evangelism In Matthew #11

The “Gospel” In Matthew

- Our **purpose** to this point:
 - Understand what the gospel **IS**
 - Understand what the gospel **DOES**
 - Understand **who** the gospel is for
- But **how** does the gospel **change** us?
 - How does the **content** of the gospel — **what it is** — ...
 - How does the **action** of the gospel — **what it does** — ...
 - **Change** me/you/all of us?



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 - “And Jesus went about all Galilee, **teaching** in their synagogues, **preaching** the **gospel** of the kingdom, and **healing** all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.” • **4.23**
 - **Before** the sermon from the mount Jesus’ ministry was defined by:
 - **teaching** in their synagogues
 - **preaching** the **gospel** of the kingdom
 - **healing** all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease



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- **Consider** these texts:
 - “Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, **teaching** in their synagogues, **preaching** the **gospel** of the kingdom, and **healing** every sickness and every disease among the people.” • **9.35**
 - **After** the sermon from the mount Jesus’ ministry was defined by:
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 - “And as you go, **preach**, saying, “The **kingdom of heaven** is at hand.’ **Heal** the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.” • **10.7-8**
 - When Jesus “sent out” the apostles — “these twelve” — he told them to ...
 - “... as you go, **preach**, saying, “The **kingdom of heaven** is at hand.’
 - “**Heal** the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons.”
 - Remember **4.23** • Jesus “went out ... **preaching** the **gospel** of the **kingdom**”
 - Jesus directed them to “**preach**, saying ... the **kingdom of heaven** is at hand”
 - It was the **same** as “the **gospel** of the kingdom” that Jesus preached



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- **Consider** these texts:
 - “Now it came to pass, when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples, that He departed from there to **teach** and to **preach** in their cities.” • **11.1**
 - “The **blind see** and the **lame walk**; the **lepers are cleansed** and the **deaf hear**; the **dead are raised up** and the poor have the **gospel preached** to them.” • **11.5**
 - After Jesus “sent out” the twelve he continued what started earlier • **4.23**
 - He continued “to **teach** and to **preach** in their cities” • **11.1**
 - He continued to **heal** • the blind, lame, lepers, deaf • **11.5**
 - He continued to **preach** the **gospel** • **11.5**



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- **The point:**

- What Jesus taught **between 4.23 and 9.35 ...**
 - It was all good news
 - The sermon from the mount ... it was **all good news • Mt 5-7**
 - The miracles/healings of Jesus ... it was **all good news • Mt 8**
 - The preaching of the apostles ... it was **all good news • Mt 10**
 - Jesus’ preaching after the *limited* commission ... it was **all good news • Mt 11**



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- **In fact:**

- Everything Jesus preached, taught and did throughout the rest of Matthew ... it was **all good news**
- “And this **gospel** of the kingdom will be **preached** in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.” • **24.15**
- “Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this **gospel** is **preached** in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.” • **26.13**



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- But **how** does the **gospel** change us? It changes us by ...
 - Pointing out that we are “**poor in spirit**” • **5.3**
 - Teaching us that we must “**mourn**” for our — and others — shortcomings • **5.4**
 - Directing us to be **meek/humble/gentle** • **5.5**
 - Desiring to know and to be righteous • **5.6**
 - Motivating us to be **merciful** • **5.7**
 - Encouraging us to be **pure in heart** • **5.8**
 - Prompting us to be **peacemakers** • **5.9**
 - Promising that we can endure **persecution** • **5.10**



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- These **changes** can be **summed** up as:
 - Changes in how we **think about/view ourselves**
 - In comparison/relationship to **God**
 - In comparison/relationship to **others**
 - They are **attitudinal** first
 - Changes in how we ...
 - **Behave** before/toward **God**
 - **Behave** before/toward **others**
 - They are **actional** second



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- The gospel as ...
 - Death, burial and resurrection of Christ • **1 Cor 15.1-4**
 - Faith, repentance and baptism • **Rom 6.1-4**
 - Is/becomes meaningless **unless** the fundamental principles of the gospel **change us from the inside first ...**
 - It must **change** our **attitudes** about God, self and others
 - And then, **second**, it must **change** our **actions** towards God, self and others

