

Validating the Message

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. ~ Matthew 9:35

Two millennia ago, the Lord Jesus left the glories of heaven and descended to this corrupt world to offer His life as a sacrifice for the sins of all mankind. Before accomplishing His mission, he lived a human life in perfect obedience to the Heavenly Father defeating all of the devil's temptations.

After His temptation in the wilderness, Jesus went about teaching the coming of a better kingdom and instilling hope for burdened people. His acts of lovingkindness supported His teachings and also confirmed that the Messiah had come. In His brief visit to this earth, He secured eternal life for all who would trust in Him, while also setting the example for His believers to emulate.

As God's children, believers are to walk in the teachings and example that Jesus has set. Though He was God in the flesh and performed miraculous works that we could never repeat, yet still we are to align our lives to His divine pattern. His teachings have stood the test of time, and they are just as significant today as when He uttered them. We must not add to His Word, but we can extend the freedom they offer as we repeat the Word to others who are bound by this current spiritual darkness. We are to offer others the hope that God so loved the world, or that the weak and heavy laden can find rest, or that in the Father's house are many mansions, and many other words of eternal truth. The words of salvation and hope that we can bring are to be bolstered by our charitable deeds. We cannot raise the dead, but with God's power, we can help raise the spiritually dead by the life-saving truth of the Gospel. We cannot give sight to blind eyes, but with the light of God's word, we can help others to see the Light of the World. We may not be able to feed five thousand, but we can share our food and tell others about the Bread of Life. We can be a good Samaritan to someone who is beaten and left for dead by others on the road of life. By giving a cup of water in Jesus' name we can demonstrate the love for others that God has placed in our hearts. We can forgive others who have wronged us and tell them of the One whose forgiveness flowed from the cross.

Just as Jesus went about the regions of Galilee teaching and performing good deeds, we have the opportunity to do the same. With God's help may we look for opportunities to share the Gospel and do some good deed today in Jesus' Name.

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