

“ADVENT”

Mat 4:23-25; Mk 1:21-28; Luk 4:31-37

I. THE MESSIAH IS COMING TO EARTH

- A. *Foretold*
- B. *Expected*
- C. *Requires preparation; things are in chaos*
- D. *Attracts attention - authoritative, not natural*
- E. *Draws the children of God*
- F. *Offends the proud and the children of the devil*
- G. *Riles the demonic and unclean spirits*
- H. *Upsets the imbalance of the world corrupted by rebellion*
- I. *Speaks truth about the kingdom and its restoration*
- J. *Seeks the broken-hearted, the poor in spirit, those needing mercy, those held captive and those bound up to join Him; offends the self-righteous*

II. MESSIAH IN THE WORLD **Matt. 4:23-25**

When Jesus came into the world:

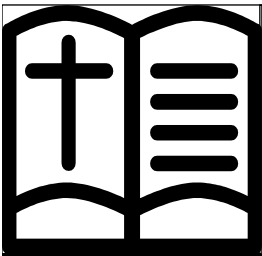
“...He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil...” Acts 10:38

“...went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues...”

“...preaching the gospel of the kingdom...”

“...healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of diseases and torments...”

Healing “...all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics...”



III. MESSIAH AT THE SYNAGOGUE IN CAPERNAUM

- A. *It was a Sabbath; Jesus honored the Torah He had given years earlier by honoring the Sabbath*
- B. *He entered the synagogue as any other devout Jew*
- C. *(He is Lord of the Sabbath; He sets the standard for what it means to rest on the Sabbath)*
- D. *He takes advantage of the opportunity, and as a rabbi, He teaches them from the TaNaKh; He taught like no other rabbi had explained it - He was authoritative unlike the scribes*
- E. *The Word of God taught by the Son of God, its author, will bring out the satans (opposers) to oppose and expose Him; this one is an unclean spirit; unclean because it has been “mixed” with something that it is not made for; he is in a human host!*
- F. *These unclean spirits are part of the reason for the preaching of the Kingdom of God by both John and Jesus. The pure Kingdom of God has been mixed by the principalities and powers trying to take over the kingdom for themselves. This is treason and Jesus is speaking against it, He is speaking of its restoration to purity and of His own authority over it.*
- G. *All authority in heaven and earth has been given to Jesus. He rebukes the spirit and commands him to come out of the man. That cleanses the man but it does not cleanse the spirit! His rebellion is without the gift of God in repentance. He is doomed.*
- H. *His testimony is rebuked by Jesus for He will not be made known by the unclean spirits and satans of the world. God will reveal who Jesus is for confirmation. He is making God known by His actions!*