



# The Ministry of Christ

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**"For even hereunto were ye called:**

**because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps " (I Peter 2:21).**

"And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, 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" (Matthew 4:23-25).

From His birth, and throughout live, Jesus was focused on fulfilling the purpose of God for His life as was revealed to Joseph "But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. 21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:20-21). Note the following:

- 1) At age 12, he confronted the parents with the question "And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" (Luke 2:49)
- 2) In Luke 19:10 He declared "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost".
- 3) He avoided the distraction of earthly politics so as to stay focused on His mission "When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone" (John 6:15)
- 4) In Luke 9:1-2, 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".
- 5) In Luke 10:1 He "...appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come."
- 6) After His resurrection, He commissioned the disciples in Matthew 28:18-20 "And Jesus came and

spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 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: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen".

- 7) "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21).
- 8) Just before His ascension into heaven He "...said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:7-8)
- 9) When a ready crowd assembled to hear Him, following the guidance from God through prayers, He said to the disciples "I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent" (Luke 4:43)
- 10) The apostle summed up his ministry thus "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him" (Acts 10:38).

Jesus focused on His three fold ministry of teaching, preaching and healing, and has committed the same to us. The talents He has bestowed upon us are to be profitably invested in His kingdom "And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, **Occupy till I come**" (Luke 19:13). What the Holy Spirit said to Archippus, He is saying to us today "... Take **heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it**" (Colossians 4:17). As Jesus did, you must also know and be committed to God's purpose in your life, if you are to fulfil it. May God depend upon you, in times like these!