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## **The New Testament!**

**"What is it to preach? What is preaching?"**

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What we need in the church, in America is an uncut, unedited statement of what the gospel is

When you start on a journey don't you need to know where you are going?

Here is the popular thinking in America today...

*So why are we looking at this today?*

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We are surely living in a time of crisis

In a time of confusion even if there is no collusion

Young people are confused

They don't see Mom and Dad concerned with eternity

They do not see Grandparents that are people of the Word

They are searching for a "way" for a "compass"  
They are drifting at sea, lost, they know something is  
amiss, but no one is showing them what

*So what is the problem?*

- 1) the church has deserted the Word
  - 2) Christians (so called followers of Jesus) are no longer people of the Word
- The truth is we have no idea when we will come to the end of this journey

*Do we not have anything?*

No chart, no map, no compass, is there no knowledge, no truth, no pilot that can give me guidance on how I can arrive in the resting place of God?

Are you interested?

**This is how it is dealt with!**

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**2 Timothy 4:1-2 (ESV) I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.**

Preaching-not a work confined to Christianity or the Christian church

*So this is how we got the words, preach, preaching!*  
So see how it works for us, "Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God"

The herald did not make an uncertain announcement, he had something to say  
The herald says listen, "I have something to tell you"  
It is word used for what the apostles did  
It is the word that described what Jesus did  
It is the same word that is used about preaching in the church today  
Preachers have something of substance to tell you

*You see the problem here?*

These people are not interested in truth  
The problem is that life is serious  
Death, judgement and eternity are coming quickly  
I am glad that when I get up to preach, I have something to tell you

2782, Strong Concordance

kérugma: a proclamation, preaching, the preaching (heralding) of the Gospel

2784, Strong's Concordance

kérussó: to be a herald, proclaim, to preach publically and with conviction

*So what do I want to tell you?*

My task is to tell you that the answer to all your questions is found in this one book!

I am here to tell you that all your questions have been answered and all your problems have a solution in Christ

If you listen to this preaching you will find peace and rest for your soul

**Matthew 6:33 (ESV) But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.**

**Matthew 11:28-30 (ESV) Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."**

If you should be taken to eternity today I want you to know where you are going

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Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, Consummation

*So what have we to do?*

Preach and teach the Word, Pray that God and the Spirit would do what only God and the Spirit can do!