

Authenticating His Kingdom Come

God's People Gather

¹² The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade.

God demonstrates that His blessing still rests on His people as they gather.

A Paralysing Fear

¹³ No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number.

The truth of the gospel being proclaimed accompanied by the miraculous signs caused some to believe while others stayed away possibly for fear of either persecution or God's judgement.

²⁷ "He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, ²⁸ for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' ²⁹ "Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.' ³⁰ "'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' ³¹ "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'" Luke 16

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¹⁵ As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. ¹⁶ Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed. Acts 5

God's kingdom comes not only as people turn from whatever they have believed in previously, to believe in Christ, but also as God powerfully frees those who have been enslaved by the affect of sin in illness and the control of the prince of this world with his demonic minions.