

Bible Backgrounds: The Synagogue

"Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God." Acts 9:20 (New King James Version)

Do we understand the Biblical concept of "synagogue"?

The Bible's Teachings Regarding The Synagogue

- A. The word appears _____ times, all but one (maybe) in the _____
_____. It means "_____."
- B. Facts about the synagogue revealed in the Bible:
1. Psalm 74:7,8 - This was likely written during the _____ of Judah, the time when synagogues came into _____.
 2. Acts 15:21 - Synagogues had existed for many _____; there were _____ throughout the _____ (wherever _____ men would commit to begin one); the _____ was _____ there; and they always met (at least) on the _____.
 3. Mark 1:39 - As _____ traveled throughout _____, He _____ in their synagogues.
 4. Luke 4:16 - It was _____'s _____ to go to the synagogue on the Sabbath. (He grew up in _____.)
 5. Luke 7:5 - In _____, a _____ had paid for the _____ of a synagogue.
 6. Luke 13:14 - Each synagogue had _____, any faithful Jewish _____. These men would also _____ matters pertaining to the _____.
 7. Matthew 23:6 - Each synagogue had its best _____.
 8. Matthew 10:17 - Christ's disciples would be _____ in the synagogues.

The Synagogue As A Bridge To The Church

- A. Synagogues were useful in spreading the gospel:
1. Acts 9:20 - After his _____, _____ began to preach the _____ in the synagogues.
 2. Acts 26:11 - He once _____ the _____ there!
 3. Acts 17:1,2 - Paul's _____ was to go to the synagogue and _____ with the people there from _____.
 4. Acts 17:10,11 - In _____ he found people dedicated to knowing what the _____ taught.
 5. Acts 13:14,15 - He was _____ to speak in the synagogue.
- B. Edersheim: The synagogue was the _____ of the _____.

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