Preaching in the New Testament

Preliminary Ideas
Jesus Preached

For example:

• Luke 4.43-44
  – “I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose.” So he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

• Mark 1.39.
  – “And He went into their synagogues throughout all Galilee, preaching and casting out the demons.”
• And before that
  – John the Baptist preached. Mark 1.4
• But before that? Acts 15.21
  – There was preaching in Synagogues
• And before that?
  – The prophets preached. Jonah 1.2
• And after Jesus preached
Preaching words

• Ευγγελίζωμαι  Proclaim good news.
• Λαλεώ  Speak.
• Κηρυσσω  Preach/Proclaim.
Kerysso

- My summary of the word according to TDNT
  - **In the Greek world**—cry out loud, declare, announce. To make known, herald.
  - In religious contexts—anouncements relateive to games and feasts, contests, winners, conferring honors.
  - **In OT.** 33x for various Hebrew words. Not prominent. To cry out by a herald. Sometimes prophetic pronouncements.
  - **In NT.** Declaration of an event. 61x (there are several other words in use).
Synagogue Preaching

• “It is impossible to conclude that a particular pattern of practices prevailed among the synagogues. Missionary homilies, propaganda addresses, legal halakic discourses and extremely loose haggadic instructive sermons were all characteristic of the intertestamental synagogue.” (Worley)