

and when the other survivors of "the twelve" were about to extend their mission to more distant regions, that the Original Gospel written by the Apostle Matthew in the language of his country, was already published at Jerusalem, and that each of the missionaries were provided with copies in addition to the "Law" and the "Prophets."

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For the NAZARENE MESSENGER,
The Gospel.

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The word gospel occurs no less than one hundred and one times in the New Testament. The Greek word from which it is translated is *euaggelion*, and the lexicons define it to mean, "good news, glad tidings." In the days of Paul this gospel was hid from some, for he says, "If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the God of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lost the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." There are many to-day, whose minds are blinded by the same causes, and to whom this gospel is hid; and are preaching another gospel than that here referred to. This is not strange, for there were some in the times of the apostle, who were preaching another gospel for Paul says: "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you in the grace of Christ unto another gospel, which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and

would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than ye have received, let him be accursed." Gal. 1:6, 7, 8, 9. From this it appears to be serious and risky business to preach another gospel than that which was preached by Paul and the other apostles, and it shows the necessity of hunting up the old land-marks to see what was preached for the gospel in the days of the apostles, when the gospel was preached by them in its virgin purity. "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God."—Rom. 1: 1—"So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Rom. 1:15, 16. Thus we see that the gospel contained a mighty power, since it was able to save those who believed it. It is able to do the same now, when it is preached in its purity, as in the days of the apostles. It is called the gospel of God, because God is the author of it. It is called the gospel of Christ, because Christ was the proclaimer, or preacher of it, and because he called and sent apostles out into all the world to continue the preaching of it. It is also called the gospel of the Kingdom, because it is the good news or glad tidings of the establishment of a Kingdom here upon