

Verbal Communication in Luke-Acts

Communication verbs:

This is a list of verbs used in the books of Luke-Acts, in alphabetical order of their English Standard Version English translation demonstrating verbal communication, largely in the context of the work of ambassadors for Christ. The verbs are shown in the context of the passage where they are found.¹ Brief lexical definitions are below the passage. Select examples only, are given of extremely common verbs like 'tell', 'say' and 'said.' The important area of verbal communication from God to humans and from humans to God—i.e. to pray--are not included in this study, for the sake of brevity. Also the reciprocal part of speaking, i.e. hearing is not included as it is assumed.

- **Translated: Address**

apophthéggomai

Verb, aorist, deponent, indicative addressed

Acts 2:14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and **addressed** them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

- **to express oneself orally, w. focus on sound rather than content, *speak out, declare* boldly or loudly ... declare to someone w. urgency² (BDAG, S125)**

apokrinomai

Verb, aorist, deponent, indicative addressed

Acts 3:12 And when Peter saw it he **addressed** the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?

- **answer, reply (BDAG).. to take occasion to speak or say, not strictly in answering but in relation or reference to preceding circumstances³ (WSNTDICT, S G661)**

prosphōnéō

Verb, aorist, active, indicative addressed

Luke 23:20 • Pilate **addressed** them once more, desiring to release Jesus,

Acts 21:40 And when he had given him permission, Paul, standing on the steps, motioned with his hand to the people. And when there was a great hush, he **addressed** them in the Hebrew language, saying:

- To utter sounds toward someone, to speak to or address someone. (WSNTDICT, S. G4377)

- **to call out or speak to, *call out, address* (BDAG, S. 887)**

¹ Fuller descriptions of the verbs, noting tense [aorist etc], voice [active, middle etc], mood [indicative etc] are drawn from results produced by the Bible word study in Logos Bible Study Software.

² Arndt, William ; Danker, Frederick W. ; Bauer, Walter: *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*. 3rd ed. Chicago : University of Chicago Press, 2000, - hereafter BDAG

³ Zodhiates, Spiros: *The Complete Word Study Dictionary : New Testament*. electronic ed. Chattanooga, TN : AMG Publishers, 2000, c1992, c1993—hereafter WSNTDICT

- **Translated: Convince**

peithō

Verb, present, active, nominative convince, Convinced

Acts 28:23 • When they had appointed a day for him, they came to him at his lodging in greater numbers. From morning till evening he expounded to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to **convince** them about Jesus both from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets.

- to cause to come to a particular point of view or course of action. (BDAG, S791)

- **Translated: Declare**

anaggéllō

Verb, aorist, active declaring (2)

Acts 20:20 how I did not shrink from **declaring** to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house,

Acts 20:27 for I did not shrink from **declaring** to you the whole counsel of God.

Verb, aorist, active, indicative declared

Acts 15:4 • When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they **declared** all that God had done with them.

Verb, imperfect, active, indicative declared

Acts 14:27 And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they **declared** all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

- generally to **provide information, disclose, announce, proclaim, teach** (BDAG, S59)

apaggéllō

Verb, aorist, active, indicative declared

Luke 8:47 And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him **declared** in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed.

Verb, imperfect, active, indicative declared

Acts 26:20 but **declared** first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance.

-To announce, make known, declare, tell what is done or to be done (WSNTDICT, S. G518)

- to **make someth. known publicly, proclaim** (BDAG, S95)

apokrinomai

Verb, aorist, deponent, indicative declared

Acts 10:46 For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter **declared**,

-see 'address'

- To call upon someone to do something, to exhort, admonish, (*WSNTDICT*, S. G3870)
- **to urge strongly, appeal to, urge, exhort, encourage... implore, entreat** (*BDAG*, S 765)

- **Translated: Explained**

ektithēmi

Verb, imperfect, deponent, indicative explained
 Acts 11:4 But Peter began and **explained** it to them in order :

Verb, second aorist, deponent, indicative explained
 Acts 18:26 • He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him and **explained** to him the way of God more accurately.

Verb, second aorist, middle, indicative explained
 Acts 18:26 • He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him and **explained** to him the way of God more accurately.

-to convey information by careful elaboration, **explain, expound**, (*BDAG*, S. 310)

- **Translated: Explaining**

dianoigō

Verb, present, active, nominative explaining
 Acts 17:3 **explaining** and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ."

-explain, interpret –(*BDAG*)
 -to open the Scriptures, to explain, expound. -cf. Luke 24:45)

- **Translated: Expound**

ektithēmi

Verb, imperfect, deponent, indicative expounded
 Acts 28:23 • When they had appointed a day for him, they came to him at his lodging in greater numbers. From morning till evening he **expounded** to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets.

--see 'explained'

- **Translated: Lifted up his voice**

epairō

Verb, aorist, active, indicative lifted (3)
 Acts 2:14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, **lifted** up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

-to cause to move upward, lift up, hold up (*BDAG*, S 357)

- the voice, meaning to cry out with a loud voice (*WSNTDICT*)

- **Translated: Make a defense**

apologeomai

Verb, imperfect, deponent, indicative defense

Acts 26:1 So Agrippa said to Paul, "You have permission to speak for yourself." Then Paul stretched out his hand and made his **defense**:

Verb, present, deponent defense (2)

Acts 19:33 • Some of the crowd prompted Alexander, whom the Jews had put forward. And Alexander, motioning with his hand, wanted to make a **defense** to the crowd.

Acts 26:2 "I consider myself fortunate that it is before you, King Agrippa, I am going to make my **defense** today against all the accusations * of the Jews,

Verb, present, deponent, genitive defense (2)

Acts 25:8 Paul argued in his **defense**, " Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar have I committed any offense."

Acts 26:24 And as he was saying these things in his **defense**, Festus said with a loud voice, "Paul, you are out of your mind; your great learning is driving you out of your mind."

Verb, present, deponent, indicative defense

Acts 24:10 And when the governor had nodded to him to speak, Paul replied: "Knowing that for many years you have been a judge over this nation, I cheerfully make my **defense**.

-to speak in one's own defense against charges presumed to be false, **defend oneself** (*BDAG*, S116)

-- To defend or speak or plead for oneself before a tribunal or elsewhere (*WSNTDICT*)

- **Translated: Opened his mouth**

anoigō;

Verb, aorist, active, nominative opened

Acts 8:35 Then Philip **opened** his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.

Acts 10:34 So Peter **opened** his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows * no partiality, *

-to open the mouth...in order to speak, i.e., to hold forth, speak at length, discourse (*WSNTDICT*, S. G455)

- to cause to function, **open**, transitively of bodily parts---mouth (*BDAG*, S 84)

- **Translated: Persuade**

peithō

Verb, imperfect, active, indicative persuade

Acts 8:40	But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.
Acts 17:18	• Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbling wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"— because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection.
Verb, present, deponent, dative	preached
Acts 8:12	But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.
Verb, present, deponent, genitive	preach, preaching
Luke 20:1	• • One day, as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders
Verb, present, deponent, nominative	preach, preaching (7)
Luke 9:6	And they departed and went through the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.
Acts 5:42	And every day, in the temple and from house to house, * they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.
Acts 8:4	Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word.
Acts 10:36	As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all),
Acts 11:20	But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus.
Acts 14:7	and there they continued to preach the gospel.
Acts 15:35	But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also
Verb, present, deponent, indicative	preached (2), preaching (2)
Luke 7:22	And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them.
Verb, present, middle, dative	preached
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- Acts 14:7 and there they continued to **preach** the gospel.
- Acts 15:35 But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, teaching and **preaching** the word of the Lord, with many others also.

-Spoken of the annunciation of the gospel of Christ and all that pertains to it, to preach, proclaim, the idea of glad tidings being implied (*WSNTDICT*, S. G2097)

- generally **bring good news, announce good news....** mostly specifically **proclaim the divine message of salvation, proclaim the gospel** (*BDAG*, S. 402)

euaggelízō

Verb, present, passive, indicative preached

Luke 16:16 "The Law and the Prophets were until John; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is **preached**, and everyone forces his way into it.

kērússō

Verb, aorist, active preach

Acts 10:42 And he commanded us to **preach** to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead

Verb, present, active, nominative preaching (3)

Luke 4:44 And he was **preaching** in the synagogues of Judea.

-- To preach, to herald, proclaim... Generally, to proclaim, announce publicly

-- **to make public declarations, proclaim aloud---** [this is derived from the primary meaning of 'to make an official announcement, announce, make known, by an official herald or one who functions as such' (*BDAG*, S543)]

- **Translated: Proclaim**

diaggéllō

Verb, present, active, imperative proclaim

Luke 9:60 And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and **proclaim** the kingdom of God."

- to tell, declare. To herald thoroughly, declare, preach. (*WSNTDICT*, S. G1229)

- **to make something known far and wide, proclaim, spread the news concerning/about** (*BDAG*, S. 227)

euaggelízō

Verb, aorist, deponent

proclaim

Luke 4:18

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to **proclaim** good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed

kataggéllō

Verb, aorist, active, indicative

proclaimed (2)

Acts 3:24

And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after * him, also **proclaimed** these days.

Acts 15:36

And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us return and • visit the brothers in every city where we **proclaimed** the word of the Lord, and see how they are.”

Verb, imperfect, active, indicative

proclaimed

Acts 13:5

• When they arrived at Salamis, they **proclaimed** the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had • John to assist them.

Verb, present, active

proclaim, proclaiming

Acts 4:2

greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and **proclaiming** in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

Acts 26:23

that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would **proclaim** light both to our people and to the Gentiles.”

Verb, present, active, indicative

Acts 17:3

explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, “This Jesus, whom I **proclaim** to you, is the Christ.”

Acts 17:23

For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I **proclaim** to you.

Verb, present, passive, indicative

proclaimed

Acts 13:38

Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is **proclaimed** to you, and

Verb, second aorist, passive, indicative

proclaimed

Acts 17:13

But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was **proclaimed** by Paul at Berea also, they came there too, agitating and stirring up the crowds.

- **make known in public, with implication of broad dissemination, proclaim, announce**

(BDAG, S 515)

kērússō –see under ‘preach’ for definition

Verb, aorist, active

proclaim

Luke 4:18

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to **proclaim** liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

Luke 4:19

to **proclaim** the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Verb, aorist, active, indicative

proclaimed

Acts 10:37

you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John **proclaimed**:

Verb, aorist, passive

proclaimed

Luke 24:47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be **proclaimed** in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

Verb, imperfect, active, indicative proclaimed

Acts 8:5 • Philip went down to the city of Samaria and **proclaimed** to them the Christ.

Acts 9:20 And immediately he **proclaimed** Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

Verb, present, active proclaim

Luke 9:2 and he sent them out to **proclaim** the kingdom of God and to heal.

Verb, present, active, accusative proclaim, proclaiming

Acts 15:21 For from ancient generations Moses has had in every city those who **proclaim** him, for he is read every Sabbath in the synagogues."

Verb, present, active, nominative proclaiming (9)

Luke 3:3 And he went into all the region around the Jordan, **proclaiming** a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 8:1 • • Soon afterward * he • went on through cities and villages, **proclaiming** and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him,

Luke 8:39 "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, **proclaiming** throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

Acts 20:25 And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about **proclaiming** the kingdom will see my face again.

Acts 28:31 **proclaiming** the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

prokērússō

Verb, aorist, active, genitive proclaimed

Acts 13:24 Before his coming, John had **proclaimed** a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

- In the NT generally to announce or preach beforehand; in the past tenses, to have announced or preached before (*WSNTDICT*, S. G4296)

- **Translated: Prove**

paratíthēmi

Verb, present, deponent, nominative proving

Acts 17:3 explaining and **proving** that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ."

- to set forth in teaching.... **demonstrate, point out** (BDAG, S 772) cf. Acts 28:23

-Metaphorically, as a teacher, to set or lay before, to propound, deliver, (*WSNTDICT*, S. G3908)

sumbibázō

Verb, present, active, nominative proving

Acts 9:22 But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by **proving** that Jesus was the Christ.

-to present a logical conclusion, **demonstrate, prove** (BDAG, S 957)

-to join together, hence to consider, by extension to teach

- **Translated: Reason**

dialégomai

Verb, aorist, deponent, indicative reasoned (2)

Acts 17:2 And Paul went in, • • as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he **reasoned** with them from the Scriptures,

Acts 18:19 And they came to Ephesus, and he left them there, but he himself went into the synagogue and **reasoned** with the Jews.

Verb, imperfect, deponent, indicative reasoned (2)

Acts 17:17 So he **reasoned** in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there.

Acts 18:4 And he **reasoned** in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks.

Verb, present, deponent, genitive reasoned

Acts 24:25 And as he **reasoned** about righteousness and self-control and the coming judgment, Felix was alarmed and said, "Go away for the present. * • When I get an opportunity I will summon you."

Verb, present, deponent, nominative reasoning (2)

Acts 19:8 And he entered • the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, **reasoning** and persuading them about the kingdom of God.

Acts 19:9 But when some became stubborn and continued in unbelief, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, he withdrew from them and took the disciples with him, **reasoning** daily in the hall of Tyrannus.

- To speak back and forth or alternately, to converse with, reason, present intelligent discourse. (WSNTDICT, S. G1256)

- to engage in speech interchange, **converse, discuss, argue... to instruct about something, inform, instruct** (BDAG, S. 232)

- **Translated: To say**

phēmi

Verb, present, active, indicative said

Acts 2:38 And Peter **said** to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:2 And when they heard that he was addressing them in the Hebrew language, they became even more quiet. And he **said**:

Acts 7:2 And Stephen **said**: “Brothers and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran

Acts 17:22 So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, **said**: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious
-particularly to bring to light by speech; generally to say, speak, utter..... Before replies, meaning to answer, reply (*WSNTDICT*, S. G5346)

● **Translated: Speak/Spoke**

apophthéggomai;--

Acts 26:25 But Paul said, “I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking true and rational words.

To utter, declare, speak, particularly pithy and remarkable sayings (Acts 2:4, 14; 26:25; Sept.: 1 Chr. 25:1; Ezek. 13:9)⁴

laléō

Verb, aorist, active

Speak speaking

Luke 1:19 And the angel answered him, “ I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to **speak** to you and to bring you this good news.

Luke 1:20 And behold, you will be silent and unable to **speak** until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time.”

Luke 1:22 And when he came out, he was unable to **speak** to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute.

Luke 11:37 • While Jesus was **speaking**, a Pharisee asked him to dine with him, so he went in and reclined at table.

Acts 16:6 And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to **speak** the word in Asia.

Verb, imperfect, active, indicative

Speak speaking

Luke 2:38 And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to **speak** of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to **speak** the word of God with boldness.

Acts 6:10 But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was **speaking**.

Verb, present, active

Speak, speaking

⁴ Spiros Zodhiates, *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament*, electronic ed. (Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 2000).

Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to **speak** in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 4:17 But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to **speak** no more to anyone in this name.”

Acts 4:20 for we cannot but **speak** of what we have seen and heard.”

Acts 4:29 And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to **speak** your word with all boldness,

Acts 5:40 and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to **speak** in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

Verb, present, active, genitive

speak (2), speaking (14)

Luke 22:60 But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about.” And immediately, while he was still **speaking**, the rooster crowed.

Acts 2:6 And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them **speak** in his own language.

Acts 4:1 And as they were **speaking** to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them,

Acts 10:46 For they were hearing them **speaking** in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared,

Acts 14:9 He listened to Paul **speaking**. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well,

Verb, aorist, active

spoke

Acts 14:1 • Now at Iconium they entered together into the Jewish synagogue and **spoke** in such a way that a great number of both Jews and Greeks believed.

Verb, aorist, active, indicative

Acts 16:32 And they **spoke** the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

Verb, imperfect, active, indicative

spoke

Luke 9:11 • When the crowds learned it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and **spoke** to them of the kingdom of God and cured those who had need of healing.

Acts 9:29 And he **spoke** and disputed against the Hellenists. But they were seeking to kill him.

Acts 11:20 But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch **spoke** to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus.

Acts 16:13 And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and **spoke** to the women who had come together.

Acts 18:25 He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he **spoke** and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John.

proeípon

Verb, second aorist, active, indicative

spoke

Acts 1:16 "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit **spoke** beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.

- to say beforehand, foretell, predict

- **to tell beforehand, foretell, tell/proclaim beforehand, warn**, of prophetic utterances concerning future events and circumstances, (BDAG, S. 867)

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proslalēō

Verb, present, active, nominative spoke

Acts 13:43 And after the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they **spoke** with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

-To speak to or with someone

-to **communicate orally with someone, speak to, speak with, address** (BDAG, S. 883)

• **Translated: Speak Boldly**

parrēsiazomai;

Verb, aorist, deponent, nominative boldly

Acts 13:46 And Paul and Barnabas spoke out **boldly**, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.

Verb, aorist, deponent, indicative boldly

Acts 9:27 But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, • who * spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached **boldly** in the name of Jesus.

Verb, aorist, deponent, subjunctive boldly

Eph 6:20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it **boldly**, as I ought to speak.

Verb, imperfect, deponent, indicative boldly

Acts 19:8 And he entered • the synagogue and for three months spoke **boldly**, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God.

Verb, present, deponent boldly

Acts 18:26 • He began to speak **boldly** in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

Verb, present, deponent, nominative boldly (3)

Acts 9:28 So he went in and out among them at Jerusalem, preaching **boldly** in the name of the Lord.

Acts 14:3 So they remained for a long time, speaking **boldly** for the Lord, who bore witness to the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

Acts 26:26 For the king knows about these things, and to him • I speak **boldly**. For I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this has not been done in a corner.

-to speak openly, boldly, and without constraint (WSNTDICT, S. G3955)

-express oneself freely, speak freely, openly, fearlessly (BDAG, S 782)

parrēsía –as a description of speech

Noun, genitive boldness (3)

- Acts 4:29 And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all **boldness**,
- Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with **boldness**.
- Acts 28:31 proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all **boldness** and without hindrance.

- **Translated: To talk**

dialogomai --see 'reasoned'

- Acts 20:7 On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight.
- Acts 20:9 And a young man named Eutychus, sitting at the window, sank into a deep sleep as Paul talked still longer. And being overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead.

- **Translated: Teach/Taught**

didaskō

Verb, aorist, active

taught

- Acts 11:26 and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. • • For a whole year they met with the church and **taught** a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians

Verb, imperfect, active, indicative

taught (8)

- Luke 4:15 And he **taught** in their synagogues, being glorified by all.
- Luke 5:3 • Getting into • one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and **taught** the people from the boat.
- Acts 18:25 He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and **taught** accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John.

- teach, instruct by word of mouth (WSNTDICT,)

-to provide instruction in a formal or informal setting, *teach* (BDAG, S241)

- **Translated: Tell**

euaggelizō

Verb, aorist, deponent, indicative

told

Acts 8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he **told** him the good news about Jesus.

laléō

Verb, aorist, passive

told

Acts 13:42 • As they went out, the people begged that these things might be **told** them the next Sabbath.

Verb, future, passive, indicative

told

Acts 9:6 But rise and enter • the city, and you will be **told** what you are to do.”

Acts 22:10

And I said, ‘What shall I do, Lord?’ And the Lord said to me, ‘Rise, and go into Damascus, and there you will be **told** • all that is appointed for you to do

apaggéllō

Verb, aorist, active

tell

Acts 23:19 • The tribune took him by the hand, and going aside asked him privately, “What is it that you have to **tell** me?”

Verb, aorist, active, imperative

tell

Luke 7:22

And he answered them, “ Go and **tell** John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them

laléō

Verb, present, active, genitive

telling

Acts 2:11

both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them **telling** in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”

• Translated: Testify

diamartúromai

Verb, aorist, deponent

testify (2)

Acts 10:42 And he commanded us to preach to the people and to **testify** that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.

Acts 20:24 But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to **testify** to the gospel of the grace of God.

Verb, aorist, deponent, nominative

testified

Acts 8:25

Now when they had **testified** and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, • preaching the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

Verb, aorist, deponent, indicative

testified (2)

Acts 23:11

• The following night the Lord stood by him and said, “Take courage, for as you have **testified** to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome.”

Verb, aorist, middle

testify (2)

- Acts 10:42 And he commanded us to preach to the people and to **testify** that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.
- Acts 20:24 But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to **testify** to the gospel of the grace of God.

Verb, aorist, middle, nominative

testified

- Acts 8:25 Now when they had **testified** and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, • preaching the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans

Verb, present, deponent, nominative

testifying (3)

- Acts 18:5 • When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, **testifying** to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus.
- Acts 20:21 **testifying** both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Acts 28:23 • When they had appointed a day for him, they came to him at his lodging in greater numbers. From morning till evening he expounded to them, **testifying** to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets.

- to make a solemn declaration about the truth of someth. *testify of, bear witness* (BDAG, S 233) (cf Acts 10:42; 18:5; 20:21,24; 20:23; 23:11; 28:23)

martúromai

Verb, present, deponent, nominative

testifying

- Acts 26:22 • To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here **testifying** both to small and great, saying nothing but what • the prophets and Moses said would come to pass

- To witness for oneself, to call to witness, attest, ratify, affirm (WSNTDICT, S. G3143)

- **Translated: To witness**

diamartúromai

Verb, aorist, deponent, indicative

witness

- Acts 2:40 And with many other words he bore **witness** and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation

-to exhort with authority in matters of extraordinary importance, freq. w. ref. to higher powers and/or suggestion of peril, *solemnly urge, exhort, warn* (BDAG, S233)(Acts 2:40)

Verb, present, active, dative

witness

- Acts 14:3 So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who bore **witness** to the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

martúrion

...when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying *the word* of the Lord (Acts 13:48)
...And *the word* of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. (Acts 13:49)
...they received *the word* with all eagerness (Acts 17:11)
...*the word* of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily (Acts 19:20)
...to God and to *the word* of his grace, which is able to build you up (Acts 20:32)

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