

Chapter 24

Jesus and the Kingdom of God



1. The “kingdom of God” was the theme of Jesus’ teaching and ministry.



A. The Old Testament prophets predicted a coming kingdom led by a new kind of king—the Messiah.



“Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey – riding on a donkey’s colt.”
Zechariah 9:9



B. Jesus Christ is that new, lowly king, a Nazarene carpenter.



II. What on earth is God up to? God is up to a kingdom.

A. Jesus taught about the kingdom.



“You are the salt of the earth.”
Matthew 5:13

“You are the light of the world.”
Matthew 5:14



Blessed Life

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth...



Blessed Life

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God...



Blessed Life

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 5:3-10



Adultery starts in the heart, not in the bed; murder can be committed by the weapon of anger; the common attitudes about divorce were unacceptable because they victimized women and degraded marriage.



**You are to love your enemies
rather than operate under the well
known “eye for eye” rule.**

**Forgive if you expect to be
forgiven.**



Jesus' kingdom weapons are not armies with swords, but farmers with seeds. Mark 4:3-9



“And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth, and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth...



But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them...



But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He, who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Mark 4:4-9



“The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.” Jesus said to them, have you understood all these things?” They said to Him, Yes, Lord.”

Matthew 13:49-51



Good fish or bad fish?

Good soil or bad soil?



B. The kingdom means God the king is here within our reach.



C. Three principles of the kingdom of God are:

1. The kingdom of God is a great treasure. Matthew 13:44-46



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“The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field.”

Matthew 13:44-46



C. Three principles of the kingdom of God are:

2. The kingdom of God operates with energies we do not understand or control.
Mark 4:26-29



C. Three principles of the kingdom of God are:

3. The kingdom of God is a worry-free, anxiety-free realm. Matthew 6:25-27; Matthew 6:33



III. Jesus' miracles demonstrate his royal authority and power.

A. Jesus speaks to the winds and waves and they obey.

Mark 4: 35-41



III. Jesus' miracles demonstrate his royal authority and power.

B. Jesus speaks to demons and they fear him and obey.

Mark 5:1-11



III. Jesus' miracles demonstrate his royal authority and power.

C. Jesus introduces us to God who is King and who is "our Father." (Abba) Matthew 6: 9-10

