

King Jesus

The Revelation of the Messiah
Living into the Kingdom Series - pt. 2
Heb 1:8; Mk 1:14-15; Lk 4:1-13

Introduction

- **The Kingdom of God** - where He RULES. His spreading Kingdom is defeating the enemies of God, increasing the influence of His authority in the lives of people.
 - **It's complicated** - Now but Not Yet - conflicting kingdoms
 - **Not just future glory**
 - **A reality of God in control and working through His Body NOW**
- **Today we Talk about King Jesus Coming Down to Shake Things Up.**
- **A Quick reminder of Jesus Before the Manger**
 - [Jn 16:28 - "I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."](#)
- **The King's First Visit** - 2000 years ago, Israel, Middle East.
- **The King who came to His own creation** (*for by Him all things were made*- Jn 1:1-3) **was oddly received.**
 - **Don't Label Whole People Groups Reception** - It's easy to try to make assumptions about who received Jesus and who didn't. But the reality is that you can't just categorize whole groups of people.
 - **Rejected and Praised by Jews** - When we say that Jesus was rejected by the Jews (Acts 9:23; 18:6), we need to realize that the early Christian church was almost ONLY Jewish for a time (Acts 13:45), that all of the apostles were Jewish.
 - **Killed and Proclaimed by Romans** - When we say that Jesus was killed by the Romans (Mt 20:19), we need to remember that some of the greatest statements of faith were made by Romans: the Centurion's Faith for Healing in Mt 8:5-13 and the Centurion

at the Foot of the Cross in Mt 27:54 (cf. Acts 11:18; 13:48; Rom 3:29)

- **Complicated Nazareth** - When we read (in a moment) of Him being rejected by His own hometown of Nazareth, there were some there who really believed in Him.

King Jesus Received a MIXED Reaction

- **So, what are we to make of verses that say things like:**
 - **Jews Rejection: He came to His own but they didn't accept him** - Jn 1:9-11 - "*The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.*"
 - **Handed over to the Romans...Rejected by Nazareth...**
 - **It means the leadership.** The leadership is held accountable for how their people are led. The majority of leadership of the Jews, Romans and Nazareth did indeed agree on the rejection of Christ.
 - **Leadership is held to a higher standard** - it's why Jesus was so harsh with the Pharisees, Sadducees, Lawyers and Scribes.
 - **The people are guilty by the association of their leaders.**
 - **It's why we need to choose our leaders carefully.**

Lesson

- **What the World Witnessed on the King's First Visit - the Story of Jesus as King**
 - **Prophecy:** Will be Inaugurating a never-ending Kingdom
 - **An Angel Prophecies to Mary** - Lk 1:32-33 - "*And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.*"
 - **A baby king in the Stars**

- **JTB says, 'it's super close'** - Kingdom is at hand...
- **The Devil gets first crack at Him** - Desert Temptation
 - Lk 4:1-13; Mk 1:12-13; Mt. 4:1-13 - "And *then* Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and *The Spirit immediately drove (led up by) him out into the wilderness* for forty days, being tempted by the devil, *by Satan. He was with the wild animals* and he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, *after fasting forty days and forty nights*, he was hungry. *And the tempter came and* the devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command *these stones to become loaves of bread.*" And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, *but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.*'" And he took him to *the holy city*, Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, " 'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,' and " 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.' " And Jesus answered him, "*Again it is written* (said), 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.' " *Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory in a moment of time, and said to him, "All these I will give you, all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will fall down and worship me, it will all be yours."* And Jesus answered him, "*"Be gone, Satan! For It is written, " 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'*" And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time *and behold, the angels came and were ministering to him.*"
 - **The Offer** - did you see the offer from Satan to Jesus? - Satan has rule over all the kingdoms of the world.
 - 1 Jn 5:19 - "*We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.*"

- **Prince of the Power of the Air -**
- **How Did Satan Get Control Down Here on Earth?** - Satan is the god of THIS AGE. The current reality that man lives in. How did he get that authority? Honestly, we handed it over to him. Adam and Eve were told to tend the garden and have dominion over the earth (rule it) and we caved to our own selfish agenda and released it to Satan's rule. God allowed that to happen and here we are. How does one rule? By exercising authority over those who will bow down to it? **The only difference in a bad king and a bully is semantics.** Everyone that bows to the Enemy allows him to have authority and rule.
- **Jesus says, 'I'm here'** - Kingdom has come
 - Mk 1:14-15 - *"Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."*
- **Jesus Reveals Himself to His Hometown Nazareth** (Mt 13:53-58; Mk 6:1-6; Lk 4:14-30) - mixed reaction
 - **ESV Combo Account - Jesus is Rejected in Nazareth** - *And he came to Nazareth, his hometown where he had been brought up, and his disciples followed him. And as was his custom, he went to their synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, "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, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." And he taught them,*

so that many who heard him were astonished and all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, *“Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, Joseph the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph/Joses and Simon and Judas? And are not all his sisters here with us? Where then did this man get all these things?”* And they took offense at him. And he said to them, *“Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself.’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.”* He did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief. And he said, *“Truly, I say to you, a prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.* But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. But passing through their midst, he went away.” And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching.

- **Jesus reveals Himself to His followers and they get it -**
 - **Nathanael & Peter**
- **Jesus Demonstrated Evidence of the King being here -**

- **JTB double checks** it's really Jesus since it's not physical military and not Holy Spirit Fire of Judgment (and is shown Kingdom Living) -
- **It's Israel-wide, not a local thing** - Preach to other towns as well...
- **Jew First; Gentile Second**
- **Jesus gathers His Team (kingdom people/disciples) and shows them what it looks like to live in the kingdom now -**
 - **Lots of Kingdom Miracles** - [Mt 4:23-25](#) - *"And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them."*
 - **Mute Demon Possession Healed**
- **Mixed Reactions from the Crowds (people welcome; religious leaders deny) -**
 - **As much as we think about His rejection, remember the huge crowds that followed Him and:**
 - **Forcing Jesus to be King**
 - **Triumphal Entry**
- **Beaten and Crucified as a King -**
 - **The Sign on the Cross** *"This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."*
 - **The Jewish Trial, spitting, beating and Condemnation** - Mt 26:57-68
 - **The Roman Beating & Crucifixion** - Mt 27:27-31, 37; Jn 19:21-22

- **A disappointed mocking crowd while He hung there** - Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe...
- **Jesus returns to His Father's Kingdom**
 - [Heb 1:8 - "But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom."](#)
 - **Christ's Ascension**
- **What Jesus Accomplished While He was Here**
 - **A Kingdom Invasion** - it was His rightful land ultimately, but he had allowed Satan to be king in His absence by the people.
 - **Progressive Destruction of Enemies and Re-establishment of Rightful Rule**
 - [1 Co 15:22-27 - "For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet."](#)
 - **Saving People, Freeing from Bondage** - That Meant Saving His People and Loosing People from the Bondage of the Current ruler of this world.
 - **Demonstration of a New Way** - Upside Down Leader Economy. (servant leadership; last is first; etc.)
 - **A Kingdom Offer of Persuasion Rather than Forceful Power**
 - **1st Phase** = Man can reject the authority and rule of God (Now). We get into the Kingdom by Decision.
 - **Final Phase** = One day every knee will bow and tongue confess that He is Lord (Then)
 - **5 Things Jesus Did By Coming the First Time**

- **1.) Broke the Hold of Satan** – The Prince of darkness, the prince of the power of the air, the king of this current Age. Jesus came mess up his game, to render his control inoperative, to put him out of action (Gk *katargeo*). Satan still roars about and picks off the weak and unsuspecting (1 Peter 5:8), but he is no longer the dominate force and only present king. The original sheriff came back to town and provided a different option. Jesus broke the monopoly. Satan has always had to lead by lies and influence (bullying) because God wouldn't let him completely annihilate or destroy His creation. But **a war of the mind is just as good as a war won in the flesh.**
 - 1 Jn 3:8 – *"The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil."*
 - Heb 2:14-15 – *"Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery."*
 - **Binding of the Strong Man**
 - **Breaking Strongholds**
 - **Keys to the Kingdom for the Gates of Hell** - Mt 16:18-19 – *"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."*
 - **Overcoming the world**
 - **Visible Proof: The Large Amount of Demon-Casting Recorded** – removal of the other kingdom's leaders visibly as a demonstration of the rightful leader arriving.
 - **The Mute Demon Possessed Man Example**
- **2.) Broke the Hold of Sin** – This Present Age, run by Satan is captive by sin. Sin is rebellion against God, selfishness, pride. Those

are the things that separate us from God. The holy standard of perfection that God holds for His creation (perfection to be obedient in all things) demands that rebellion be punished and cast away from His presence. Therefore the standard that we must live up to is perfection. But we cannot. We are broken at our core, unable to adhere to a perfect standard. Which means that we are doomed to be destroyed with the enemies of God. The code of the righteousness of God (the Law) demanding this perfection hangs over our head, promising that if we don't adhere to it we will be swept up in the wrath of God toward all sin. But in Jesus Christ, who has died for our sins, we have been saved. How? Because of two things: 1.) He paid our penalty for our sins, dying and being tormented in our place. 2.) He allowed us to symbolically die and be reborn (born again), which means the old code (law) could only hold us on our first life. The life we are raised with in Him at conversion (getting saved) is raised up righteous (not born of woman but born of God = no original sin attached, no broken keel at the bottom of our ship that makes us go off track) and since we are wrapped up in Him we are living in a state of perpetual grace as children of God. Sin no longer hangs over our head with condemnation (Rom 8:1-11). We are free to live our lives (Gal 5:1) free from fear of condemnation, but thankful and free to the fullest.

- [Ro 8:1-2 - "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death."](#)
- [Col 2:13-15 - "And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him."](#) (cf. Heb 9)

- **Visible Proof (Paralyzed Man Forgiven)** - the Paralyzed man lowered by friends forgiven for his sins (can't see that, so Jesus did a visible miracle as proof that it was done - healing him to walk).

- **3.) Broke the Hold of Death** -
 - [Jn 11:25 - "Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die...."](#)
 - **Visible Proof (Mass Healings & Resurrections)** = the healing of people as well as the resurrection of people.
 - **Mass Healings Examples**
 - **Mass Healing with Jews and Gentiles and Samaritans**
 - **Christ's Resurrections Beyond Himself** (Jn 2:18-22)
 - **Lazarus** - Jn 11:1-44
 - **Jairus' Daughter** - Mt 9:18-19, 23-25 (Mk 5:21-24, 35-43)
 - **Widow's Son in Nain** - Lk 7:11-17

- **4.) Inaugurated a Movement to be followed - Tangible, Concrete Example for us to follow**

- **5.) Brought the Holy Spirit here** -
 - [Ac 1:6-8 - "So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."](#)
 - **Visible Proof (Pentecost)** = Pentecost and the mighty works that the 12 and 72 already did.
 - **The impact on the Holy Spirit upon the Church is our focus next week.**

- **6.) Put the World on Notice of His Return**

- Ac 1:9-11 - *"And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."*
- Mt 24:14 - *"And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."* (cf. Mt 16:27)
- **Visible Proof** = His visible Ascension and the angels that explained that He would come back the same way He left.

Conclusion

- **The True Gospel (Good News) is** = that God has defeated His enemies and we aren't all doomed under terrible leadership and death.
- **Kingdom of NOW but NOT YET**
 - **Jesus Changed Things** - may we live like they are changed
 - **Jesus Started Things** - may we live out what He started.
- **The Great Commission (All Authority; Now Go)** - Mt 28:18-20 - *"And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*