

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS COMING

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The Message

In the first four books of the New Testament (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) we can see the same story at the beginning of each of the books. There was a man named Jesus who told the people that the Kingdom of God was among them.

What Jesus said about the Kingdom

Mark 1:15

Luke 4:43

Basileia

In the texts the word Kingdom of God is used by Jesus. The Greek (NT) word Basileia translates as kingdom. Basileia means practicing royal rule. The meaning of the word is not referring to a nation or the inhabitants, but to an action carried out by the King of the Kingdom. We are going to look at that action!

Good News

When Jesus said that He came to declare the Kingdom of God, He says that this is good news!

What deeds did Jesus demonstrate from that good news?

Matt 12:28

Matt 4:23-24

Luk 5:20-21, 24-25

Jesus doesn't just speak nice words; He also demonstrates the Kingdom on earth. He delivers people bound by evil spirits. He heals them and forgives them.

Why did Jesus come?

Luke 19:5-10

Luke 7:47-48

God always wanted people to live with Him. People became separated from God and can no longer feel Him. In these two stories we see God, in the person Jesus, drawing near to people. He wants to be with them. He wants to forgive them so that they will be free to choose a life with God.



EXERCISE:

What can I do to enter the Kingdom of God? Read Matt 6:33 and Mark 10:15

Pray that God's Kingdom comes into your life.

Open your heart and believe what you have just learned. Discuss what you have learned and now believe with your mentor. Tell this in as much detail as possible.

PRINCIPLE 1

The Kingdom of God is good NEWS! Salvation, forgiveness, deliverance and healing become visible on earth.



TEXTS PRINCIPLE 1

Mark 1:15

¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Luke 4:43

⁴³ But he said, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent."

Matt 12:28

²⁸ But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Matt 4:23-24

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. ²⁴ News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them.

Luke 5:20-21,24-25

²⁰ When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

²¹ The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

²² Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? ²⁴ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." ²⁵ Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God.

Luke 19:5-10

⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately.

I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Luke 7:47-48

⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little. ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

Matt 6:33

³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Mark 10:15

¹⁵ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.