

King Jesus and the Kingdom of God Part 3



Scriptures

- **Matthew 24:14**
¹⁴This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.
- **Acts 28:30-31**
³⁰And he stayed two full years in his own rented quarters and was welcoming all who came to him, ³¹preaching the kingdom of God and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all openness, unhindered.
- **Matthew 6:33**
³³But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
- **Luke 11:20**
²⁰But if I cast out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.
- **Luke 17:20-21**
²⁰Now having been questioned by the Pharisees as to when the kingdom of God was coming, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; ²¹nor will they say, 'Look, here *it is!*' or, 'There *it is!*' For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst."
- **Matthew 13:10-11**
¹⁰And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" ¹¹Jesus answered them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted.
- **John 18:37**
³⁷Therefore Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say *correctly* that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."
- **Matthew 5:3**
³Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- **John 6:63**
⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.
- **John 17:3**
³This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.
- **Matthew 5:4**
⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

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Other Scriptures

- John 5:31-32
- Acts 1:3
- Luke 22:42
- Matthew 6:9-10
- Revelation 11:15
- Matthew 13:31-32
- Exodus 25
- Revelation 1
- Revelation 1:4
- Matthew 4:17

Main Points

- The Gospel that Jesus preached was the Kingdom of God
 - The message is bigger than you and I
- The Kingdom of God is when the will and dominion of God has fully taken effect
- The Kingdom of God is a condition!
 - God's manifest presence will be reigning
- The Kingdom of Heaven on earth is presently in "seed form" and a "mystery"!
 - A "mystery" is truth that has been concealed, but is now revealed to those that are His
- Biblical Numerology
 - 7 – menorah had 7 flames as commanded by the LORD in the Tabernacle
 - In Revelation 1:4, there are seven Spirits before the throne
 - The number seven represents completion
 - 3 – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
 - Patricarchs: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
 - 8 – Jewish males were to be circumcised the 8th day after they are born
 - God picked this #!
 - There are 8 Beatitudes
 - 8 is the number of eternity

Discussion Questions

1. Discuss what it means to say that the Kingdom of Heaven is a condition.
2. Consider the first two Beatitudes. Discuss the stark contrast between the values of the Kingdom and the values of the world. What do we profit by striving to be poor in spirit and to mourn?
3. Why is it necessary to prepare our hearts with the Kingdom of Heaven in order to glean from the teachings of the Beatitudes?