

Who do you say that I am?



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The Kingdom of God

The Lord Reigns

- A Declaration & Summons
- Accepting God's authority, and doing God's will
Acknowledging and submitting to God's authority and to obey His commandment (i.e. to be committed to the Father's will being done in your life and in the world)
- **Different Perspective of the Kingdom**
- **Jesus was sent for this purpose**
- **The Kingdom is at hand**
 - A new covenant: an intimate relationship
- **Seeking first His Kingdom: God priorities**

*The Lord
Reigns*

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Person - Power - People

- Person: Jesus, the King bringing the good news of the Father's in breaking reign in people's lives.
- Power: The Holy Spirit is powerfully at work in Jesus' ministry through anointing, healing delivering, saving, and setting captives free
- People: Those who become his disciples are part of the Kingdom

Principles of Kingdom Living

- 1 *A life that is King Centered*
- 2 *A life that prioritizes Discipleship*
- 3 *A life characterized by Humility*
- 4 A life characterized by the obedience of Faith
- 5 A life empowered by the Holy Spirit
- 6 A life joined to the Community of Faith
- 7 *A life challenged by Spiritual Warfare*

*A person...
A power...
A people...*

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A Life that is King Centered

Kingdom consciousness at all times

- **Knowing the Character of the King**
 - ✓ Intimate understanding of the King
 - ✓ Parable of the Talents (Matt. 25:14-30)

Our lives are on loan from a gracious God, and all that we do, we should do in gratitude and loving service to Him.
 - ✓ Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)

Focusing on a Father who surprises us by His grace
- **Seeking First the Kingdom**
 - ✓ God's priorities vs the world's priorities
- **Walking in the Way of Repentance**
 - ✓ God's reign and repentance are interlinked
 - ✓ We enter the Kingdom by repentance
 - ✓ Change of conduct (teshuva)
 - ✓ An act of will to walk in the way of the Lord.

*Kingdom
Consciousness*

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A Life that prioritizes Discipleship

Jesus' mission: to raise up many disciples

- Raising up disciples was Jesus' mission before his atoning death and after his resurrection.
- *"Make disciples of all nations"* (Matt 28:18-20)
- Disciples study God's Word in order to obey it. In the way of the Rabbi. To follow Him, and live like Him.
- The greatest "worth-ship" (worship) we can offer God is to hear His Word and do His will. The Kingdom "comes" as the Father's will is "done".
- Discipleship to the Son leads to an intimate relationship with the Father

"Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." (John 14:6-7)

*Hearing His
Word and
doing His Will*

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A life characterized by Humility

He is most exalted when we are most humble

- Moses, the greatest teacher of the Torah, “humblest of all men” (Num. 12:3).
- The supreme virtue (as seen by the Rabbinic sages).
- “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matt. 5:3)
- Those in the Kingdom cannot rely on self: look to the Lord for every good gift and experience God in all things.
- Humility is not think less *of* yourself, just less *about* yourself.
- Humanity is made in the image to God, and are of inestimable value. It is in His great love we find significance, not of our own doing.
- Humility is to be childlike: un-self-conscious, quick to repent, dependent, and trusting.

The supreme virtue

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A life challenged by Spiritual Warfare

Contending for the Kingdom

- Kingdoms reigning in the world:
 - ✓ The Adversary. (*ha-Satan*) (John 10:10)
 - ✓ The Kingdom of God. (Rom 14:17)
 - ✓ *“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”* (John 10:10)
- In God’s Kingdom we must keep our priorities straight, and not be preoccupied with the Adversary
- Under the authority of Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit, the Kingdom of God is advancing against the brokenness of the world.
- Entering the Kingdom requires radical trust and relinquishing our own right to rule. --The good news of the Kingdom is that when you put your life on the line for the King you find the fullness of life He intends; one of righteousness, shalom, and joy.

“Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” (Jam. 4:7)

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- 1 Introduction: A Different Perspective
- 2 Jesus of Nazareth: The Jewishness of Jesus
- 3 Who do you say the Son of Man is?
- 4 In My Father's house: Who Jesus Said he was
 - No Sunday School (Easter)
- 5 Come Follow Me: The Rabbi and Disciples
- 6 I Speak In Parables
- 7 Time with God: The Climax of Living
- 8 I have come to Fulfill them
- 9 The Kingdom is at Hand
- 10 Unveiling the Kingdom
- 11 Humbly walk with your God: Living the Torah

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