

Study #5: The King and His Kingdom

In this study we will examine God's (OT and NT) plan to bring heaven to earth through his kingdom and his reign. A life in Christ is a life in joyful submission to his Kingship (Messiahship).

Review: How are you feeling about your times in the Word and prayer? How are you feeling about the Cross and Resurrection study?

1. The Kingdom of God is a Prominent Theme in the Gospel: Acts 28:30-31, Matt. 3: 1-2, Matt. 4:23

A. What is a Kingdom? What is the role of a King?

2. Some Old Testament Prophecies regarding the Coming of a Spiritual King and His Kingdom:

A- Daniel 2:44, Daniel 7: 13-14 God will set up an everlasting kingdom. Son of Man.

C- Micah 5:2 What kind of ruler is coming, and where will he come from?

D- Zechariah 9:9 What type of king was prophesied? How did Jesus enter Jerusalem ? (*Luke 19:28-40*)

F- Mal. 3: 1-3 Who should we expect before the Lord arrives? (*Matt. 3: 11-12—John the Baptist*) What should we expect to happen when the Lord arrives?

3. Jesus Establishes God's Kingdom and his Kingship.

A- **Matt. 1: 18-22** Jesus the Messiah is conceived miraculously through the Holy Spirit. His name (Jesus) means "Yahweh Saves". God announces the arrival of his King through his messenger.

B- **Luke 11: 14-20** Jesus states that his spiritual power and life demonstrated the arrival of God's Kingdom.

C- **Luke 17: 20-21.** The Kingdom of God is not visible. It is within us and among us. It is a spiritual kingdom.

D- **John 3: 3-6** Entering the Kingdom requires a new spiritual birth. (*Acts 2: 36-40*)

E- **John 20: 30-31.** John's whole gospel is written to help the listener come to faith that Jesus is the Messiah (King) and Son of God. John's 7 signs of Jesus kingship are: turning water into wine (*John 2:1-11*), healing the royal official's son (*John 4:46-54*), healing the paralytic at Bethesda (*John 5:1-15*), feeding the 5,000 (*John 6:5-14*), walking on water (*John 6:16-21*), healing the man born blind (*John 9:1-7*), and raising Lazarus from the dead (*John 11:1-45*) .

E. **1 Cor. 15: 24-26.** At the end of time Jesus will defeat all his enemies, including death itself. His Kingdom will be handed back to the Father. We want to be found in allegiance to Jesus on that day!

4. Jesus is a benevolent and powerful King.

A. Matt. 11: 28-29. Jesus' Kingship Brings rest and peace to his followers.

*vs. 28 It is spiritually burdensome and exhausting to live life outside of the reign and rule of Jesus in one's life. Vs. 29 A life in Christ is one that involves learning from Jesus and taking on his way of life (yoke). Vs. 30 A life in Christ provides spiritual rest for our souls. .

5. Luke 19: 11-26. Accepting or Rejecting Jesus as King is the most important decision one can make.

* vs. 14 Some didn't want Jesus to be their King

* vs. 15 Jesus is the King whether we believe it or not.

* vs. 15 The King gives us talents to use for him and his kingdom (time, resources, leadership, serving, spiritual gifts, character traits, skills), and desires us to be a blessing to others.

* vs. 18-19. The king will be pleased with those who use their talents (life) for him.

*vs. 27 It will be a horrible (spiritually speaking) for those who reject Jesus' Kingship.

6. Discipleship is the call of God's King, Jesus. Luke 14: 25 - 33

* vs. 25 Discipleship is the response Jesus expects of those who truly believe in him. (*John 8: 31-32*)

* vs. 25. "Hate" father and mother, etc.= Language of Allegiance and Choice. Our upmost allegiance is to Jesus above all others, including our "own life", our own way of doing things.

* vs. 28-30. The decision to become Jesus' disciple must carefully considered before entering into a covenant with him.

Vs. 31- 33 Just as an outnumbered army must submit to its conquering king completely, so too we must completely surrender to Jesus as our King in becoming his disciple.

7. Application: Matthew 28: 18-20. A Biblical Response to the Message of the King and His Kingdom.

* The Gospel is the good news of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ the King. The disciples are sent out to teach people to respond to the gospel message of the King by becoming his disciple (making him Lord), being baptized (accepting his forgiveness and being clothed with Christ), and committing to a life of learning from and obeying Jesus.

Prayer: God help us enter the kingdom and experience the life to the full you promised to bring. Help us follow our King Jesus with all of our hearts, and let him reign over us, and in us, and through us.