

Jesus on Mic

Part 3: What Did Jesus Mean by “The Kingdom of God”?

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People have all kinds of ideas about why Jesus came to earth. Jesus himself said he came to establish “the Kingdom of God.” What did he mean by that?

MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- What would you change about the world if you were in charge?
 - Jesus didn’t come to earth just to point out what was wrong; he came to show us a better way.
 - The Kingdom of God is where everything operates according to God’s design and will.
 - Jesus came to die for our sins, but the bigger picture and purpose was to usher in the Kingdom of God.
 - “I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent.” | Luke 4:43
 - “The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’ because the kingdom of God is among you.” | Luke 17:20-21
 - The Kingdom of God is a spiritual kingdom.
 - “When the Son of Man comes in his glory...the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.’” | Matthew 25:31-34
 - The Kingdom of God is among us but not yet fully realized.
 - We see glimpses of it in the kindness, generosity, joy, and peace we see or experience.
 - I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. | Romans 8:18-19
 - “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. Matthew | 13:44-46
 - The Kingdom of God, when you find it, is valuable enough to go all in on.
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What’s *one thing* would you change about the world if you were in charge?
2. The Kingdom of God is among us but not yet fully realized. What are some of the frustrating, tough things you experience or see that tell us the Kingdom of God isn’t fully realized yet?
3. What are some of the glimpses you see or experience that the Kingdom of God is among us and in our midst?
4. What makes the Kingdom of God worth hoping for and waiting for, and even worth fighting to live out in the here and now?
5. What’s a practical way you can introduce more of the Kingdom of God into one of your environments—work, home, friends, family, etc.?